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## Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School

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### 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS (KINDER) - APPLICATION FORM

Child's family name:	Child's first name:
Date of Birth:	Gender:
Address:	Postcode:

	Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2
Name		
Daytime telephone number		
Email address		

All three year olds are eligible for 15 hours (per week) Universal Funding provided by the government. This funding is available to the nursery and can be used for a place in Kinder, the term following the child's third birthday. This means that all the children in Kinder attend for a minimum of 5 mornings each week (9.30am-1.30pm).

In addition to this, parents can apply for **a further 15 hours funding** from HMRC via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs> . Here you will find the eligibility clearly outlined and an online application form which you should complete.

If the HMRC application is not successful, parents should apply for the **Camden Enhanced Offer (CEO)** via the following link:

<https://forms.camden.gov.uk/cus/servlet/ep.app?ut=X&type=84839644467&auth=204>.

Here you will find the eligibility clearly outlined and an online application form which you should complete. This is only available to Camden residents.

New codes must be applied for, the term before your child starts (before 31<sup>st</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> December).

Codes applied for *during* the term your child starts cannot be used until the following term and standard charges will apply for the current term.

Please specify the type of place you are applying for below:

3 & 4 year old place - Kinder	
Monday - Friday	Please tick one
15 hours a week, term-time only (38 weeks a year)	
30 hours a week, 9:30am-3:30pm, term time only (38 weeks a year) *I intend to apply/have successfully applied for HMRC or Camden Enhanced Offer funding (please circle as appropriate)	
30 hours a week, 9:30am-3:30pm, term time only (38 weeks a year) *I intend to fund an additional 15 hours per week	
30 hours a week, 9:30am-3:30pm, 'All year round' (44 weeks a year) *Additional charges apply (see tariff attached)	
Extended hours, 8:30am-5:30pm, term time only (38 weeks a year) *Additional charges apply (see tariff attached)	
Extended hours, 8:30am-5:30pm, 'All year round' (44 weeks a year) *Additional charges apply (see tariff attached)	

## School Meals

Parents/carers must also pay for school meals at the nursery. The costs are outlined in the Fees Tariff Below.

If a child is absent they will not be charged for meals.

If a parent or carer believes that their child qualifies for entitlement to Free School Meals, please apply for it by using the following link:

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

### Additional information

**Does the child have a brother or sister currently attending the nursery?**

If yes, please give name .....

**Has a sibling attended here in the past?**

If yes, please give name .....

**Are there any social, medical or special educational needs you wish to inform us of?**

**Y / N (Sometimes this can prioritise a place for the child)**

If yes, please give details below:

**Names of any agencies involved with the family:**

**Is the child already attending another nursery or playgroup? Y / N**

If yes, which one:

**Any other relevant information?**

Parent visits to the nursery are welcomed and encouraged. Please liaise with the office when submitting your application to book in a suitable date and time for us to show you around.

I declare that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: .....

Date:.....

## Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School - Fees Tariff 2026/2027

\*The Core day for all children is from 9:30am-3:30pm.

### **Kinder (3 & 4 year olds) Fees Tariff - Term time**

The government funded universal offer of 15 hours early education per week is only applicable to 09:30 to 12:30 Monday to Friday.

Hourly Rate	Daily Fee (Core day* - 6 hrs)	Daily Fee (Extended day- 9hrs)
£10.00	£60.00	£90.00

For Kinder children, the above fees do not include the cost of lunch (below).

The 15 or 30 government funded hours must be able to be accessed free of charge to parents however government funding is not intended to cover the costs of meals. We therefore ask families who are not entitled to Free School meals to pay £2.50 per day for your child's meal on top of fees.

Many families who are not entitled to the full 30 hours of government funding want the child to stay for lunch. This additional hour is charged at a preferential rate of £5 per day (£2.50 for lunch + £2.50 towards nursery costs).

### **Holiday weeks (Half-term/Easter/Summer) Tariff**

If you would like your child to attend during our additional 'holiday' weeks during the half-term, Easter and summer breaks, the cost will be £10.00 per hour. This includes the cost of lunch and all activities.

Please note, Government funding is for term- time only.

### **Breakfast and Tea Tariff**

Ad hoc sessions, breakfast and tea can be requested and when available will be charged at £10 per hour.



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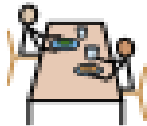
## Getting Ready for Nursery School

Starting nursery school is an important and exciting time for you and your child. Here are some hints and tips which you will hopefully find helpful.

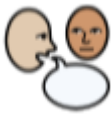
### Before your child starts - support them with developing their practical skills!



Encourage your child to start dress/undress themselves



Encourage your child to feed themselves using a knife and fork and broaden the range of foods they eat. By two years old, children can drink from cups and do not usually need a feeder cup.



Take every opportunity to talk with your child and listen to their answers, this is a really important activity and builds language skills and social skills.

The [NHS](#) suggests children stop using a dummy completely by 12 months- to help children with their speech development. If you are weaning your child off their dummy, restrict it to short periods of time when they are relaxing. Always ensure your child removes their dummy when they are talking.



Playing games, doing role play or dress up can help to get them ready for school and build their confidence and skills.



Read as often as possible with your child. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages as you read the story. Children often ask for the same story over and over again. This should be encouraged, as it shows an interest in reading, and will assist in developing the language of writing, value your child's choice and encourages decision making.



Sing nursery rhymes and songs that children like that have repetition in them as these will help them to remember new words.

Practise the school morning routine, including getting dressed and eating breakfast in time to leave. Encourage your child to walk some of the way and talk as you walk. Reduce the amount of time you spend on your mobile phone as you journey to and from nursery school so that you can chat and encourage your child to enjoy the day ahead.

Always arrive on time so that your child feels happy and relaxed about their fun day ahead of them.

Children starting in toddlers are not expected to be toilet trained. By three years old 95% of children are toilet trained (NHS advice).

Don't worry, children have varied abilities when they start nursery school and we will work with you to help them progress at their own level. They don't need to be able to read, write or do sums before they start.

If your child has any additional needs link with our SENCO before they start. Contact our office team and they will put you in touch with Jan or Kate.

### **On your child's first day**

We aim to make the move from home to nursery a gradual process. This is important for your child to get to know and trust new adults and children, and for you to see how the nursery works. On your first day, we ask you both to stay for just a short while to help your child become familiar with their key person and see where they can play and learn.

Please feel free to take your child around the rooms and garden. Your key person will let you take the lead. It is important that your child can see you are relaxed and happy to be here. It is important to have fun together, so please settle in and read to them, sing songs, play together, and talk about anything and everything. If your child sees that you trust us, then they will too!

### **When it is time for you to leave your child**

We understand that separation can be a difficult and emotional time. We will help your child to know what they can do to help regulate their emotions and make themselves feel better. This might be taking deep breaths, looking at their transition object, or repeating a supportive mantra like, "I will come back". We always encourage you to say goodbye before you leave.

**We are looking forward to working with you and your child to make the time at Thomas Coram happy and rewarding. Please don't hesitate to ask us about any questions you may have, however small they may seem. Please also visit our website for more information - <https://www.thomascoram.camden.sch.uk>**

# FREE

Childcare  
**Choices**



Childcare places for  
**9** months to **4** years

Free  
15 hour  
places for 2  
year olds

Free 15  
hour places  
for 3 and 4  
year olds

Working  
parents  
entitlement for  
children aged  
9 months to  
4 years

Camden's  
Enhanced  
Offer

Further information  
on the back →

## Free 15 hour places for 2 year olds

For families on a low income. For eligibility go to GOV.UK and search for 'help paying for childcare'.

Apply at [camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecosts](https://www.camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecosts)

## Free 15 hour places for 3 and 4 year olds

There is no need to apply for this. Just check with your chosen nursery or childminder to see if they are part of this scheme.

## Working parents entitlement for children aged 9 months to 4 years

For working parents - for eligibility and to apply visit:  
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## Camden's Enhanced Offer

If you are not eligible for the government's 30 hour offer for 3 and 4 year olds you may still be able to get 30 hours with the Camden Enhanced Offer for families on a low income who live in Camden.

For eligibility and to apply visit:  
[camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecost](https://www.camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecost)

To find out more, visit your local Children's Centre & Family Hub,  
call **020 7974 1679**,  
email [freeearlyeducation@camden.gov.uk](mailto:freeearlyeducation@camden.gov.uk)  
or visit [camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecosts](https://www.camden.gov.uk/helpwithchildcarecosts)