



Terms and Conditions

Application, Registration and Fees

A signed and fully completed application form together with a non-refundable Registration Fee of £100 is required prior to confirmation of a place. Registration does not guarantee a place for the start date / sessions required.

A minimum of two full day sessions must be reserved in advance of placement. It may be possible to have additional half day sessions, mornings (0800-1300) or afternoons (1300-1800) if they are available.

A deposit equal to one month's fees is required on acceptance of a placement. Once we have accepted your deposit, and you have returned the completed acceptance form, your child's place is guaranteed. Deposits are refunded up to 6 weeks after the last month of your child's attendance, subject to all fees and other liabilities to the nursery having been paid in full, and providing at least two calendar months' advance notice in writing is given prior to the child leaving. If a child leaves without full notice, we will offset the deposit paid against any outstanding fees and invoice the balance.

The deposit must be paid within two weeks of a written offer of a place at Shofar, if the deposit is not received by the Nursery within two weeks of the date of our letter, the place may be withdrawn

If your child does not attend the nursery for any reason once the place has been accepted, then the deposit is non-refundable.

Fees are payable monthly in advance by Direct Debit on the 1st of each month. If there isn't time to set up direct debit payments prior to your child starting at Shofar then these fees are payable by cheque with no additional charge as a one-off.

Fees are inclusive of nappies, wipes, creams, toiletries, formula milks (except special dietary requirements) up to age 1, all meals, refreshments and snacks, feeding bottles, bibs, sheets, blankets and play equipment.

Nursery uniform is charged for separately and is compulsory for the pre-school groups (children from 2.5 years upwards.)

Where a child's fee rate changes after a birthday, that reduction will take effect from the first day of the month following the birthday.

All reserved sessions & ad hoc / extra hours are to be paid for regardless of whether your child attends. Ad hoc sessions / extra hours may only be booked if agreed by Management. One change to your child's booked schedule is allowed with two months' notice; and in exceptional circumstances Management may allow a second change.

No refunds can be given for sessions missed due to sickness, holidays, enforced temporary closures or when the Nursery is closed for Holidays / Staff Training Days.

Failure to meet payments may result in the termination of nursery placement and forfeiture of any refund of fees. In such circumstances, the Nursery reserves the right to levy a 2% interest charge above the prevailing Bank of England Base Rate on outstanding fees. An additional charge of £50 may also be payable for recovery of outstanding sums.

Parents are held responsible for all outstanding fees. The Nursery is not liable for collections from third parties, e.g. University / colleges, voucher providers, grant funding agencies.

Fees are reviewed annually and any increases notified to parents two months ahead of implementation.



Late collections

If a child is collected after the agreed time, a charge of £15 for the first quarter hour and £2 per minute thereafter may be imposed at the discretion of the Nursery Manager. Our hope is that we will not have to add this to anyone's invoice as exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration.

Parents must inform the Nursery at the earliest instance if they are going to be late to pick up their child.

Hours of Operation

Shofar will operate Monday-Thursday from 07:45-18:15 and on a Friday from 07:45-16:15 (except for public and Jewish holidays*, two staff training days per year and over the winter period between the bank holidays, 27-31st December and during Pesach.)

Children can be dropped off and picked up at any time in between these times.

Parents are requested to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to the end of the session to allow time for feedback and collection.

If the Jewish holiday occurs on a weekday, then we will observe the following:-

*Rosh Hashanah 2 days, Yom Kippur 1day, Sukkot 1 day, Simchat Torah 1 day, Pesach 2 days, Shavuot 1 day. We will close early on festival Erevs to allow staff and site security to get home in time for the festival to commence.

Illness and accidents

In the event of an accident, parents will be notified and are required to sign an accident report form.

Parents may be asked to withdraw their child from the Nursery in the event that they require special medical care or attention or are otherwise deemed not well enough to attend. Shofar has an Illness and Exclusion Policy, which we expect all parents and carers to adhere to.

The Nursery cannot accept responsibility for children contracting contagious diseases or infections.

Parents are obliged to inform the Nursery of any sickness, illness or allergies on registration of their child and thereafter. A Health Care Plan must be completed for medical care needs.

Medication

We will give your child any prescribed medication, providing you complete our medication form. Please do not ask us to give any non-prescribed medication, as we are concerned about overdosing and keeping sick children at nursery, when in reality they should be at home, to avoid illnesses spreading.

The Headteacher has an emergency supply of Calpol, and Nurofen, which she would be able to administer in an emergency with parental permission, if collection is not immediate. In an emergency, permission can be given over the phone, but must be followed up in writing. The child must still be collected as a matter of urgency.



Shofar Daycare Nursery Fees- 2024

Opening Hours 0745-1815 Monday- Thursday and 0745-1615 Friday

0-3 years Days per week	Maximum hours available	Cost per calendar month (members belonging to MRJ synagogues where the entire eligible family unit has chosen to join.)	Cost per calendar month (single MRJ synagogue members, where the entire eligible family unit has chosen not to join)	Cost per calendar month (non MRJ synagogue members)
Five full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,880.75 (£88.50 per day over 51 weeks)	£1,917.75 (£90.25 per day over 51 weeks)	£2,018.75 (£95.00 per day over 51 weeks)
Four full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,644.75 (£96.75 per day over 51 weeks) £1,583.00 if one day is Friday (£82.25)	£1,674.00 (£98.50 per day over 51 weeks) £1,612.00 if one day is Friday (£83.75)	£1,802.00 (£106.00 per day over 51 weeks) £1,734.00 if one day is Friday (£90.00)
Three full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,233.50 (£96.75 per day over 51 weeks) £1,172.00 if one day is Friday (£82.25)	£1,256.00 (£98.50 per day over 51 weeks) £1,193.25 if one day is Friday (£83.75)	£1,351.50 (£106.00 per day over 51 weeks) £1,283.75 if one day is Friday (£90.00)
Two full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£822.50 (£96.75 per day over 51 weeks) £760.75 if one day is Friday	£837.25 (£98.50 per day over 51 weeks) £774.75 if one day is Friday	£901.00 (£106.00 per day over 51 weeks) £833.00 if one day is Friday
Additional morning sessions booked monthly*	0800-1300 Mon-Fri	£59.00 per half day (£251.00 per month)	£60.00 per half day (£255.00 per month)	£64.00 per half day (£272.00 per month)
Additional afternoon sessions booked monthly*	1300-1800 Mon-Thurs 1300-1615 Fri	£52.25 per half day (£222.00 per month) £34.00 for Friday (£145.00 per month)	£53.25 per half day (£226.00 per month) £34.50 for Friday (£147.00 per month)	£57.00 per half day (£242.00 per month) £37.00 for Friday (£157.00 per month)
Additional ad- hoc morning or afternoon sessions**	0800-1300 or 1300-1800 1300-1615 Fri pm	£65.00 per ad-hoc half day Friday afternoon £41.00	£67.00 per ad-hoc half day Friday afternoon £43.00	£70.00 per ad-hoc half day Friday afternoon £45.00
Additional ad- hoc sessions **(full day)	0800-1800 Mon- Thurs 0800-1615- Fri	£104.25 per ad-hoc full day £89.00 if Friday	£106.25 per ad-hoc full day £91.00 if Friday	£114.25 per ad-hoc full day £97.00 if Friday

Parents must provide proof of child's date of birth by giving Shofar a copy of birth certificate or passport on entry.

New government funding levels are coming into force from April 2024, that will apply to children 9 months plus. We have no further details on the hourly rates and will let parents know when this information is released. Parents wishing to choose session times must agree to pay for extra charges which cover Food, Jewish studies, Hebrew, Fitness, Music and other activities and the set fees will be reduced by the funding level. Fees are inclusive of nappies, wipes, creams, toiletries, formula milks (except special dietary requirements) up to one years old, all meals, refreshments and snacks, feeding bottles, bibs, sheets, blankets and play equipment.

* Additional morning or afternoon sessions will be allocated if we have availability.

** All ad-hoc sessions must be agreed by management and must be paid for once the invoice is issued at the time of booking. No refunds will be given for cancelled ad-hoc sessions once booked. One change to your child's booked schedule is allowed with two months' notice; and in exceptional circumstances management may allow a second change.

5% sibling discount applies to both siblings currently in attendance for full month at Shofar but is not applicable to part month or ad-hoc sessions.

No refunds will be given for any sessions missed due to sickness, holidays, enforced temporary closures or when Shofar is closed for Holidays / Staff Training.

Check out if you are eligible for Tax Free childcare here <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

3-5 years Days per week	Maximum hours available	Cost per calendar month (members belonging to MRJ synagogues where the entire eligible family unit has chosen to join.)	Cost per calendar month (single MRJ synagogue members, where the entire eligible family unit has chosen not to join)	Cost per calendar month (non MRJ synagogue members)
Five full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,604.00 (£75.50 per day over 51 weeks)	£1,636.25 (£77.00 per day over 51 weeks)	£1,721.25 (£81.00 per day over 51 weeks)
Four full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,428.00 (£84.00 per day over 51 weeks) £1,373.75 if one day is Friday (£71.25)	£1,453.50 (£85.50 per day over 51 weeks) £1,399.50 if one day is Friday (£72.75)	£1,564.00 (£92.00 per day over 51 weeks) £1,505.50 if one day is Friday (£78.25)
Three full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£1,071.00 (£84.00 per day over 51 weeks) £959.50 if one day is Friday (£71.25)	£1,090.25 (£85.50 per day over 51 weeks) £969.00 if one day is Friday (£72.25)	£1,173.00 (£92.00 per day over 51 weeks) £1,026.50 if one day is Friday (£78.25)
Two full days	0745-1815 Mon-Thurs 0745-1615- Fri	£714.00 (£84.00 per day over 51 weeks) £659.75 if one day is Friday (£71.25)	£726.75 (£85.50 per day over 51 weeks) £672.75 if one day is Friday (£72.25)	£782.00 (£92.00 per day over 51 weeks) £723.50 if one day is Friday (£78.25)
Additional morning sessions booked monthly*	0800-1300- Mon-Fri	£51.00 per half day (£217.00 per month)	£52.00 per half day (£221.00 per month)	£56.00 per half day (£238.00 per month)
Additional afternoon sessions booked monthly*	1300-1800 Mon-Thurs 1300-1615- Fri	£44.50 per half day (£189.00 per month) Friday afternoon £29.00 (£123.00 per month)	£45.00 per half day (£191.00 per month) Friday afternoon £29.25 (£124.00 per month)	£47.00 per half day (£200.00 per month) Friday afternoon £30.50 (£130.00 per month)
Additional ad-hoc morning or afternoon sessions**	0800-1300 or 1300-1800 1300-1615 Fri pm	£59.00 per ad-hoc half day	£59.75 per ad-hoc half day	£62.00 per ad-hoc half day
Additional ad-hoc sessions** (full day)	0800-1800 Mon-Thurs 0800-1615 Fri	£91.00 per ad-hoc full day £77.00 if Friday	£92.50 per ad-hoc full day £79.00 if Friday	£97.25 per ad-hoc full day £84.25 if Friday

For children over 3 years of age, Shofar can claim the Free Early Years Entitlement on behalf of the parents in the term after the child's third birthday and a reduction in the child's fees will be given at the current funding rate. (Currently £5.93 per hour) 30 hour funding is available for eligible parents and a reduction in the child's fees will be given at the current funding rate. (Currently £5.93 per hour) [Check out if you are eligible for Tax Free childcare here https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Parents must provide proof of child's date of birth by giving Shofar a copy of birth certificate or passport on entry. If availability exists then it may be possible to send your child to Shofar for the free entitlement (plus meal costs) only, but these will be at set times. Please enquire for availability.

Parents wishing to choose session times must agree to pay for extra charges which cover meals and snacks, Jewish studies, Hebrew, Fitness, Music and other activities and the set fees will be reduced by the funding level. Fees are inclusive of nappies, wipes, creams, toiletries, formula milks (except special dietary requirements) up to one years old, all meals, refreshments and snacks, feeding bottles, bibs, sheets, blankets and play equipment.

* Additional morning or afternoon sessions will be allocated if we have availability.

** All ad-hoc sessions must be agreed by management and must be paid for once the invoice is issued at the time of booking. No refunds will be given for cancelled ad-hoc sessions once booked. One change to your child's booked schedule is allowed with two months' notice; and in exceptional circumstances management may allow a second change.

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No refunds will be given for any sessions missed due to sickness, holidays, enforced temporary closures or when Shofar is closed for Holidays / Staff Training.



Termination / Cancellation / Change of sessions

Two full calendar months' notice in writing is required to withdraw your child from the nursery or to reduce previously agreed levels of attendance, following the end of the month in which notice is provided. One change to your child's booked schedule is allowed with two months' notice; and in exceptional circumstances Management may allow a second change.

The Nursery reserves the right to terminate a placement if fees are not paid by the due date, if parents / carers fail to observe the Policies & Procedures of the Nursery, or a parent, carer or child displays abusive, threatening or otherwise inappropriate behaviour.

The Nursery reserves the right to terminate a placement if important information concerning or affecting your child is withheld / not communicated to Nursery management and staff.

Should a mutually agreed start date be postponed by parents, the Nursery reserves the right to charge from the original start date as indicated on the nursery application form / placement offer letter.

Personal Property and Belongings

While staff will exercise all reasonable care to ensure that the Children's belongings are not lost or damaged, the Nursery cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that might otherwise occur.

We cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage of toys or comforters from home should children bring these to Nursery.

All items of clothing / footwear must be clearly labelled by parents prior to the child starting at the Nursery.

Prams / buggies are not permitted in the main building or allowed to block fire exits / escape routes in order to comply with Health & Safety and Fire Regulations. All buggies must be stored folded in the buggy store.

Sun hats are compulsory for all ages.

Uniform is compulsory for all children in our Pre-school classes.

Uniform is a t-shirt (during warmer weather) and / or a Sweatshirt (in colder climates) and a sun-hat and Kippah Children may wear any joggers, leggings, shorts, skirts with nursery uniform top and sensible shoes that protect toes.

Please dress your child appropriately for their day at Nursery, weather wise, and be aware that we will only change your child if necessary i.e. if your child has had an accident or gets wet with water play.

Once your child is walking please supply the Nursery with a pair of named wellington boots that fit your child, and a bag of spare clothing that is all named and that is checked regularly to ensure this still fits and suits all climates.

If sunny please apply sun lotion before coming to Nursery and our staff will re-apply as necessary throughout the day.

Shofar Daycare Nursery Sternberg Centre, East End Road, N3

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Liability

The Nursery does not accept responsibility for any loss or inconvenience suffered by parents arising directly or indirectly from a temporary closure of its premises or as a result of the non-admission of a child for any reason. Fees will be charged for all reserved sessions regardless of holidays, sickness or temporary closures. The Nursery cannot accept responsibility for children whilst in the care of their parents on its premises or on the Sternberg Centre site.

Security and collections

Children are not permitted to leave the premises with anyone unknown to staff. Parents are asked to provide Nursery staff with a list of all individuals who will be dropping off and / or collecting their child. This information should include full names, addresses, telephone numbers and photographs for each named adult. If a parent needs to put into place a last minute change to the collection list, they must notify the Nursery in person / by telephone of this request or write the details of the person collecting their child on the notice board on the day of collection.

Parents / carers must observe the Nursery's Security Policy at all times and ensure that all doors / gates are securely closed / bolted behind them and that they do not allow people entry to the Nursery under any circumstances.

When dropping off or collecting their child all parents and carers must park safely and with due consideration to our neighbours. Parents must refrain from blocking residents driveways at all times.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the termination of the child's placement with the Nursery.

Consent forms

- Parents will be required to sign a declaration of consent form for the following:
- Administration of prescription medicines.
- Summoning emergency medical assistance, which may include taking a child to a GP or hospital.
- Liaising with external professionals.
- Trips and outings away from the Nursery.
- Consent for named individuals to drop off and or collect your child from Nursery.
- Applying sun-cream and face-painting – as part of certain creative activities.

Online Safety Acceptable Use

- The use of photographs in children's' on line 'Tapestry learning Journal'
- Taking photographs of your child which may be used for display purposes within the Nursery or for use on our website/ Facebook / Twitter/ FRS and Alyth Synagogue web sites and mailings.
- Taking photographs of children at the Nursery as individuals and / or as part of a group activity / performance.
- Parents may withhold permission for any or all of the above and will accordingly be asked to complete a Consent Withheld form. In such cases the Nursery will use all efforts to hide the said child's face by use of blurred or cartoon imagery. The Nursery cannot be held liable in cases of genuine error.

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Complaints

To help resolve any issues or concerns, the Nursery maintains a formal complaints procedure to ensure that your views are heard and dealt with promptly by a senior member of staff at any time.

If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, you may elect to discuss the matter with the Nursery Manager in a private capacity.

Should you feel thereafter that your concerns have still not been dealt with satisfactorily over a subsequent period of 7 working days; you may refer the complaint to the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED), details of which are as follows:

Telephone number 0300 123 1231

Or you can write to them at:

Applications, Regulatory and Contact (ARC) Team Ofsted

Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD

Information

- The following information must be provided to the Nursery on registration:
- Details of parents / carers including daytime & emergency contact numbers.
- Notifiable diseases and other medical conditions that the child has had & a Health Care Plan must be completed and signed by the parent and GP or medical practitioner.
- Details of immunisations.
- Food or medical allergies.
- GP's name and telephone number.

Parents are required to inform the Nursery of changes to any of the above.

Employment of staff by parents

For the duration of our agreement with parents and for six months thereafter, Parents are prohibited from directly or indirectly employing (including babysitting), or enticing for employment, any member of Nursery staff with whom they or their associates have been in contact.

Should employment occur under such circumstances the Nursery will be entitled to a level of compensation from Parents equivalent to 25% of the individual's prevailing annual salary.

Staff

The Nursery requests that parents / carers refrain from 'befriending' staff on social media platforms, maintain confidentiality and professionalism and support staff to enjoy their personal lives

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Shofar Calendar Jan 2024 - Dec 2024

Shofar Daycare Nursery operates 51 weeks per year, excluding Jewish holidays and bank holidays. Our normal opening hours are Mon-Thursday 7.45 a.m.-6.15 p.m. and Friday 7.45 a.m.-4.15 p.m.

We are closing in July for one week to allow us time to redecorate, repair and deep clean our nursery. (July and August bills will be revised to allow for a reduction on a child's normal days during this week)

The dates below show the holiday dates and some early closures pre-Jewish festival.

Monday 1st January – Closed -New Year's Bank Holiday
Friday 29th March – closed Good Friday Bank Holiday
Monday 1st April – closed Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd Monday-close 1430 1st Seder night
Tuesday 23rd April-29th April closed Pesach. (Staff training 24th & 25th April)
Monday 6th May - Closed - Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 11th June- Erev Shavuot Shofar closes at 1630
Wednesday 12th June – Closed - Shavuot
Monday 27th May – Closed - Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 29th July- Friday 2nd August- closed refurbishments and Staff training (See above)
Monday 26th August - Closed Summer Bank Holiday
Wednesday 2nd October- Erev Rosh Hashanah Shofar closes at 1330
Thursday 3rd October – Closed 1st day Rosh Hashanah
Friday 4th October – Closed 2nd day Rosh Hashanah
Friday 11th October -Kol Nidre-Shofar closes at 1330
Wednesday 16th October Erev Sukkot Shofar closes at 1630
Thursday 17th October – closed Sukkot
Wednesday 23rd October Erev Simchat Torah Shofar closes at 1630
Thursday 24th October- closed Simchat Torah
Tuesday 24th December- Shofar closes 1430
Wednesday 25th December - Closed Bank Holiday (Chanukah 1st candle)
Thursday 26th December - Closed Bank Holiday
Friday 27th December to Tuesday 31st December closed
Wednesday 1st January 2025 - Shofar closed New Year Day Bank Holiday

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PLEASE SIGN:

I _____ (print name) agree to Shofar's Terms and Conditions as set out in the above document

I _____ (print name) attach a copy of my child's _____ (print name) birth certificate or passport.

Signed _____

Parent _____

Date _____

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