



The Den offers a warm, welcoming space for children at Dinnington First School to start and end their day. We provide quality childcare on the school premises with qualified staff who are known to the children in school.

It's a friendly, relaxed environment where children can settle in comfortably before school with a healthy breakfast, or unwind afterwards with a nutritious snack. Throughout each session, children enjoy access to the wider school facilities, including outdoor play areas, giving them plenty of opportunities to explore, play and socialise. It's also a supportive space for those who wish to complete homework, and a lovely chance for children to mix with peers from different year groups, building confidence, friendships and a strong sense of community.

All children are invited to attend The Den. We offer places for nursery children once they have turned four, with slightly limited hours due to the additional staffing required for younger pupils. Parents are always welcome to discuss individual circumstances with us as we may be able to make small adjustments to timings.

Booking

Our booking system is very flexible. Bookings can be made up to 15 minutes prior to your child attending and we do not charge a cancellation fee.

We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare payments.

Bookings are made through our iPal online system (link below) – please ask at the office if you require more information.

[iPAL: Booking, payment and management system - Login](#)

Pupil Premium

Families in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are eligible for half an hour free breakfast club from 8.20am. Please register with the school office.

Siblings

Siblings are given a 20% discount on all bookings for The Den

Children from Reception -Year 4

Session	Full Price	20% Tax Discount
Daily 7.45am – start of school day	£6	£4.80
Mon – Thurs: end of school day – 4.30pm	£7	£5.60
Mon – Thurs: end of school day – 5.45pm	£12	£9.60
Friday: end of school day – 3.30pm	£7	£5.60
Friday: end of school day – 4.30pm	£12	£9.60
Friday: end of school day – 5.45pm	£16	£12.80

Nursery Children (aged 4+)

Session	Full Price	20% Tax Discount
Daily 8.15am – start of school day	£3	£2.40
Mon – Thurs: end of school day – 4.30pm	£7	£5.60
Friday: end of school day – 3.30pm	£7	£5.60

Parents can save **20% on childcare costs** by using the government's **Tax-Free Childcare** scheme. You open an online childcare account, pay your provider through it, and for every £8 you put in, the government adds £2.

This can be used for our wraparound care. You just apply through [Tax-Free Childcare: What Tax-Free Childcare is - GOV.UK](#)

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Late fees: £5 per hour up to 5.45pm

£10 every 15min after 5.45pm