

Statement

Early Education Entitlement (EEE)

Kinderhaus of the German School 2026/27

The Kinderhaus of the German School London is listed on the Directory of Providers for Early Education Entitlement, referred to as EEE.

Delivery Model

Funding is applicable in the morning from 8a.m. to 11a.m. Monday to Friday, during term time only. Funding is not applicable during school holidays.

Entitlement

The Early Education Funding allocates funding for 15 hours per week for early years education for three-and four-year-olds. This is also known as the universal 15-hour entitlement and is part of the Government's early education funding scheme. We do not offer any other type of funding. <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

Entitlement-only places are available. Entitlement-only places are allocated in accordance with the school's admissions policy and available vacancies.

If demand exceeds availability, a waiting list will be maintained. A deposit must be paid in full and will be refunded the term after the child has left the school. If the child wants to stay at school after the entitlement-only place expires, the standard registration process will apply, and registration fees as well as a contribution to the development fund will become payable.

Eligibility

Children are eligible for 15 hours per week of free nursery education. The funding starts in the term **following** the child's third birthday and continues until (and including) the term in which the child turns five or starts reception (either Mini- or Maxi Group, please refer to the Kinderhaus group structure if in doubt), whichever occurs first. This is known as the Early Education Entitlement (EEE).

How does the funding work?

All EEF Funding is claimed by German School London and is paid directly to the German School London by the local authority. The funding period in 2026/27 covers 37 weeks. Funding will only be received once your child has started at the Kinderhaus (Tiny group). Funding is not paid if the start date is deferred. The funding corresponds to three hours a day, five mornings a week, term time only.

How do I apply?

Parents are required to complete the application form prior to their child starting at the Kinderhaus (Tiny Group).

Forms will be emailed to parents and are also available for download on our website.

The school will verify eligibility and entitlement (EEE), and invoices will clearly state 15 free hours per week at £0.

I am entitled to 30 hours of funding and will use this at a different provider – how do I proceed?

The German School does not offer additional funded hours or any other entitlement. If you wish to use the additional hours with another provider, please contact melanie.eickhoff@dslondon.org.uk for further information.

Attendance

Persistent non-attendance or absence exceeding four weeks may result in the entitlement being withdrawn. In such cases, school fees are payable in full.

Notice periods

- **Mid-Term Joiners**

If your child joins mid-term, funding may be applied from the child's start date, unless funded hours have already been accessed at another setting without providing four weeks' notice before starting at DSL.

Please note that funding may not be allocated for late starters in accordance with the Borough's deadlines. This means that mid-term joiners may not be eligible for funding in the term in which they start.

- **Mid-Term De-registration**

If your child leaves the school mid-term, we are required to notify the local authority (notification of changes). Depending on the circumstances, funding may be reduced and additional fees may become payable to the school by yourself.

Please note that a four-week notice period is required in order to transfer funded hours to another setting. This notice period is separate from the school's de-registration process. Please also note that entitlement hours may only be changed once a term.

Invoicing

To comply with council regulations, the annual Kinderhaus fee is divided into three terms in line with the UK academic year (Autumn, Spring and Summer Term). Invoices are issued at the start of each term.

Time	Description	Fee
8.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	15 Free Hours per Week	£0
11.00 a.m. - 1.30p.m.	12.5 Private Hours per Week including Lunch	£257
Lunch	Per Term	£348
1.30p.m. -3.45p.m.	One Afternoon per Week, per Term	£270
1.30p.m. - 4.45p.m.	One Afternoon per Week, per Term	£310
Late Pick Up	Per Day	£35
Ad Hoc Afternoon Session	Per Day	£40
Books and Educational Trips		Charged at Cost

Any Questions

Please contact: melanie.eickhoff@dslondon.org.uk.

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