



Booking and Pricing at The Hive 2026-2027



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased that we will be able to continue to offer wraparound care for our families onsite at Great Bardfield Primary School for the academic year 2026-27.

Please find below, finalised details of our booking arrangements and pricing for 2026-27.

Booking and Cancellations

All bookings must be made via our Parentmail system by **2pm the day before** you require a place. If you require 'last minute' wraparound care, please telephone the office and we will do our very best to accommodate your request.

If you need to cancel a booking, please contact the office directly by telephone/email. We kindly ask for a minimum of **48 hours' notice** for any changes or cancellations in order for the session cost to be credited back to your account. Cancellations made with less than 48 hours' notice will be charged at the full rate, as staffing and resources will have already been allocated.

Please note that our pricing is carefully set to ensure we operate on a break-even basis, and late cancellations will result in unnecessary expenditure on staffing and catering. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

You are able to book sessions up to 6 weeks in advance and payments will work exactly the same as the school dinner system whereby you top up your balance and costs are deducted. Please **speak directly to the office** if you wish to use tax free childcare, vouchers, etc. to pay for sessions at The Hive as payments will need to be dealt with slightly differently. Here is a link if you think you may be eligible for the current system <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Food and Drink

To keep the booking system simple, breakfast, snack and tea are included in the price of each session. Tea is a light 'picnic style'. Water will be available so please make sure your child brings a refillable water bottle (their school one is fine). Menu options will vary daily but generally options are likely to be:

Breakfast: toast/crumpets, cereal/porridge and fruit

Snack: fresh fruit and cereal bars/malt loaf/dried fruit

Tea: sandwiches/bagels/rolls, vegetable sticks, humus, fruit, yoghurt

Drop off and Collection

Drop off in the morning is from **7.30am**. Please buzz the front door and somebody will come to collect your child.

Collection times are strictly set at **4:15pm, 5:15pm, and 6:00pm**. Please use the front door buzzer, and a member of staff will assist you with collecting your child.

We kindly ask that you adhere to these designated collection times as closely as possible. The teaching staff are generously giving their own time to support the delivery of this wraparound care, and may have other responsibilities elsewhere in the building outside of these collection windows. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us to maintain a smooth and sustainable system.

Please see below for a breakdown of our pricing from September 2026.

We encourage you to consider using The Hive for your wraparound childcare needs. The more bookings we are able to take improves the likelihood of the provision continuing at a reasonable cost.

Before School Club

Monday to Friday

7.30am – 8.45am	£8.00 per child per session
8.00am – 8.45am	£5.00 per child per session

A light breakfast will be provided.

After School Club

Monday to Thursday

3.15pm - 4.15pm	£6.00 per child per session
3.15pm - 5.15pm	£14.00 per child per session
3.15pm - 6.00pm	£18.00 per child per session

Friday

3.15pm - 4.15pm	£6.00 per child per session
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****For those attending an after school club:***

<i>4.15 – 5.15pm</i>	<i>£8.00 per child per session</i>
<i>4.15 – 6.00 pm</i>	<i>£12.00 per child per session</i>

A snack will be provided on arrival at 3.15pm

A light tea will be provided at 4.45pm