



Nursery Fees from 1st January 2026

Minimum booking requirement of 4 sessions a week (1 session = $\frac{1}{2}$ a day)

Our core opening hours are between 8am and 6pm

Session Title	Session Time	Price per session
Full Day	8:00am - 6:00pm	£84.50
Short day (Any 8.5-hour session between 8am and 6pm)	For example: 8:00am - 4:30pm, 8:30am - 5:00pm, 9:00am - 5:30pm etc	£82.00
Morning	8:00am - 1:00pm	£51.50
Afternoon	1:00pm - 6:00pm	£49.50
Early start	7:30am - 8:00am	£6.25

The above session costs are the premium package costs for your child's session.

As a nursery we allow you to use your full funding entitlement within the fee structure above during our core nursery hours. The Guidelines set out by the government only allow you to use a total of 10 funded hours per day.

Premium Package Discounts

10% Sibling Discount on premium packages only (Discount applies to eldest child)

FREE registration fee for St Andrews, NHS and other Emergency Services on premium packages only

Premium charges

Session time	Charge per session
Premium day	£17.95
Premium morning	£12.25
Premium afternoon	£10.25

The premium charges include the following:

- Food, meal and snacks
- Enrichment activities
- Non food consumables

Premium day charge is £11.50 (Food), £1.95 (Enrichment), £4.50 (non-food consumables)

Premium morning charge is £8.00 (Food), £1.50 (enrichment), £2.75 (non-food consumables)

Premium Afternoon charge is £6.00 (Food), £1.50 (Enrichment), £2.75 (non-food consumables)



Closures and calculations

Little Learners Childcare will close for all Statutory Bank Holidays, plus Christmas Eve and an extra 3 days in between Christmas and New Year. Bank holiday and Christmas closures are **not** charged for. We also close for one 'teacher training day' a year which is **not** charged and will be deducted from the invoice of the month of the closure. The date will be notified in writing with adequate notice.

All closures are factored into our prices and our fees are worked out to the exact number of sessions in each month. Monthly invoice costs will vary dependant on the amount of days in the month.

Payments must be made by standing order or tax-free childcare accounts by 1st of every month in **advance**, to avoid late payment charges and possible suspension of places.

We are registered with the student finance childcare grant payment system. Please speak to us to discuss how these payments work and the upfront fees required.

Our fee structure is subject to regular review and any changes will be notified in writing at least one month in advance.

Premium session charge information

At Little Learners Childcare we strive to provide outstanding care and education for our children who attend the nursery. We know that our parents/carers choose to come to Little Learners Childcare so that their child(ren) can receive the outstanding service that we provide. We have qualified employees who provide specialist learning and teaching opportunities throughout your child's nursery journey.

As a setting we offer a premium package which allows us to continue to provide the exceptional learning opportunities and high-quality care that is given to all of our children from 8 weeks until school.

If you choose to opt out, you can access our standard package within the nursery. The standard package works to the government statutory guidance that states 'the funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering the childcare place itself, including

- Employees salaries
- The nursery premises
- Standard Learning resources
- Learning opportunities that are required to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework

The funding does **not** cover the cost of consumables.



Premium package:

At little learners the premium package includes the following within your child(ren)'s nursery session/journey with us;

- Everything that is included within the nursery standard package
- Sessions that suit your requirement as part of your permanent booking session.

In addition to the above you will receive

Meals and non- food consumables

- Breakfast prepared by our Nursery Educators including cereal, toast, yoghurts and fresh fruit
- Freshly prepared snacks,
- 2 course meal for lunch and tea prepared by our onsite chef
- Personal hygiene products
- Wipes, nappy sacks, nappies, nappy creams
- Suncream
- Calpol
- Bedding including fitted bed sheets, breathable blankets and bedding bags which are washed accordingly
- Cups/Sippy cups
- Spare clothing for emergencies if a child runs out of their own belongings
- Nursery resources centre, including food bank and Library etc

Learning and Development Enrichment Activities

- Forest school sessions with a qualified forest school leader on site
- Art sessions with our nursery Artist and creative leads
- Cooking sessions with our on site chef
- Nursery trips to the local area
- Nursery visitors e.g. fire engine/police
- Professional photographer
- Yoga sessions
- Gardening
- Parents evening

Celebrations

- Family Stay and plays such as Mother's Day, father day, Coffee mornings
- Seasonal celebrations/parties e.g Christmas activities such as Christmas party, visit from Santa including a gift
- Graduation ceremony with a gift when your child goes to school



- USB stick of your child's full learning journey when leaving the setting

At Little Learners Childcare we believe that the early years education provided should be engaging, rich and full of real-world experiences through a child - led approach. As a setting we strive to go beyond the standards and provide high quality care and learning that we are proud of as a nursery.

Our premium package allows us to ensure that we are continuing to provide the outstanding care which costs more to deliver than the government funded hours provides.

The premium package that our children receive at Little Learners Childcare allows them to gain enriched learning experiences that goes alongside their social and emotional, communication and language, physical development. In turn with this our children become independent learners that develop practical life skills, forest school experiences alongside creativity and problem solving that prepares them as they begin their journey to school.

If you decide to **opt out** of the premium package, we will provide you with a standard package guide, that will detail what you need to provide for your child(ren) each nursery session.

As part of the standard package, session options may be limited upon registering with us at Little Learners Childcare and at times we reserve the right to change any sessions inline with needs of the business.

If items are **not** provided as detailed in the standard package guide, you will receive a phone call requesting that the items are brought in to avoid any charges being applied to your account.

Government Funding Policy

The funding is awarded as either 11 hours (universal) / 22 hours (extended) a week, for 51 weeks of the year.

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY ONLINE: www.beststartinlife.gov.uk.

The website also gives you information on Tax Free childcare, Tax credits and Universal credit for childcare.

The government funding is advertised as 15 hours per week (570 hours per year), this is based on term time only (38 weeks per year). We offer the government funding as 'stretched' funding over 51 weeks of the year. Providing up to 11 hours per week universal, and up to 22 hours per for extended funding.



*You are eligible for government funding from the term after your child's relevant birthday, please see the eligible periods below:

Birthday between 1st Jan - 31st Mar, funding eligible from April

Birthday between 1st Apr - 31st Aug, funding eligible from September

Birthday between 1st Sep - 31 Dec, funding eligible from January

Universal 3/4 year Funded hours and Universal 2 year* Funded hours

All children aged 3 / 4 years old will be entitled to the universal government funding. All children aged 3 & 4 years are entitled to claim up to 570 hours of quality childcare and education a year, funded by the government from the term after their 3rd birthday. This funding remains in place until your child starts school.

Eligible children aged 2 years old will be eligible for the universal funding. Eligible 2-year-old children entitled to the universal funding and can claim 570 hours a year. Eligibility is based on your individual circumstances. You can check if you are entitled to this by visiting www.beststartinlife.gov.uk. If you are eligible this funding remains in place until your child turns 3 years old.

We offer the universal 2 / 3 / 4-year entitlement over 51 weeks, up to 11 hours a week. If your child is eligible for the universal entitlement only and you do not wish to book any additional sessions, we offer this as two half days or one full day, between the hours of 8am and 6pm only, usually either afternoon sessions or on Mondays or Fridays. Please contact us to discuss the available sessions. These sessions will automatically have the applicable premium charge added unless you request and secure a standard place. You can book sessions over and above the 11 hours, in which case you will be charged our regular fees for the appropriate sessions booked over and above your funding entitlement. Any fully funded sessions will have the premium charge added.

Working families 9+ months, 2/3/4 year Funded hours

For children eligible for the working families government funding - You and any other parent/carer who has parental responsibility, must each expect to earn (on average) a weekly wage which is at least equal to or greater than 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage. If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity, or adoption leave, or you are unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible. (You cannot get 30 hours free childcare if either you, or your partner, individually expect to earn £100,000 a year or more.)

Eligible 3- & 4-year-old children from working families are entitled to claim up to 1140 hours per year. This is called the extended entitlement. You can check your eligibility at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk. This code must be renewed every 3 months via your government gateway account to continue to ensure your eligibility and this is your sole responsibility to ensure that this is completed by the deadline in your gateway account. **We are unable to claim working parents funding entitlement if the code is not renewed within the timeframes stated in your gateway account, which would mean that we would need to amend your invoice to cover the unfunded hours.**



If you are eligible for the extended entitlement and your child attends 51 weeks of the year, your funding entitlement is 22 hours per week. You can select regular weekly sessions that equal up to 22 hours (as per the session times detailed on the fee breakdown) and you will be required to pay the relevant premium charges. You can book sessions over and above the 22 hours, in which case you will be charged our regular fees for the appropriate sessions booked above your funding entitlement, this is in addition to any applicable premium charge for any fully funded sessions.

You are required to book a minimum of 4 sessions per week (1 session = $\frac{1}{2}$ a day). You will be charged our regular fees for the appropriate sessions booked above your funding entitlement, in addition to any premium charge for any fully funded sessions.

What you need to provide:

To claim the funded hours, we will require you to complete a parental contract available from nursery. We also require a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of your address. This could be your current council tax statement, or a utility bill or bank statement dated within the last 3 months, in line with the date your funding starts with us.

If you are eligible for the extended 3 /4-year funding or the working parents 9+month and 2-year funding, you will be allocated a funding code when you confirm your eligibility on-line. We will require the 11-digit code you are issued, along with the national insurance number used to apply. This code must be renewed every 3 months via your government gateway account to continue to ensure your eligibility.

If you are eligible for the 2-year funding, you will be issued a funding code from the government when you confirm your eligibility on-line. We will require this code to allocate your funding. This code is valid until your child becomes eligible for 3-year funding.