



A quick guide to fees and funding

Little Oaks Nursery aims to provide flexible childcare to meet the needs of the families who use our services. We offer a range of sessions and this guide provides you with all the information you need to find out which session type would suit your family best.

What options are available?

Standard childcare sessions

Standard sessions are charged a full price and do not include any government funding. The session price includes all food, resources, toiletries and sun cream. We just ask parents to supply nursery with their chosen brand of nappies .

Sessions are provided on an all year round basis.

You can choose from full or a half day session and these can be booked as a regular weekly pattern.

You can choose a session pattern that meets your weekly childcare needs.

Funded childcare sessions

The government provides funding to cover either 15 or 30 hours childcare per week depending on your child's age and family circumstances. The table below provides more information.

Child's age	2 year old	3&4 year olds	3 & 4 year olds
Family circumstances	Parents are receiving certain benefits The child has Disability living allowance or Special Educational Needs (SEND) The child has a kinship or guardian order The child is being looked after by the local authority.	All children who are 3 and 4 years old	Parent(s) working at least 16 hours per week Parents must each earn less than £100,000 per year Can be on sick leave or parental leave Might still be eligible while claiming benefits
Funding entitlement	15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year	15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year	30 hours per week for 38 weeks per year

You can find out more about funded hours by visiting:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

How are government funded hours provided?

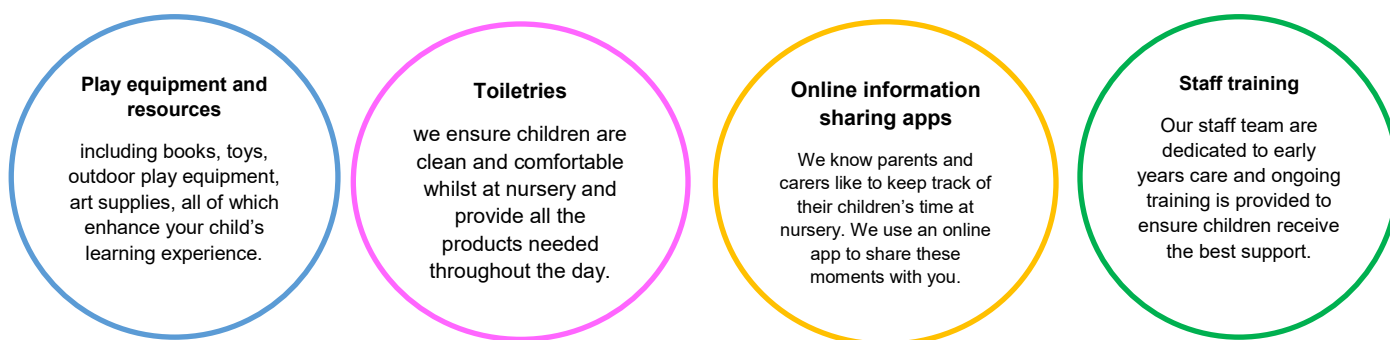
Funded hours can be taken on a term time only or all your round basis. If you choose to use your funded hours over the whole year, you will receive fewer funded hours per week. This is called “stretched” provision. Whichever option you choose, you will receive the full funding entitlement over the year.

There are a limited number of funded places available for both 2,3 & 4 year olds.

For more information about session times, please refer to the Session Times and Prices information sheet.

What does the government funding cover?

Government funding is provided to cover your child’s place at nursery and does not cover additional costs or extras. The extra essentials are the things that make our nursery special and enhance your child’s development and learning opportunities. These include:



As a not for profit charity, we reinvest any profit we make back into the nursery. We ensure all children attending the nursery have access to all the little extras that make nursery special.

Additional extras

Meals

To ensure future sustainability of the nursery, we ask parents accessing funded hours to contribute to the cost of meals at a rate of £3.00 per full day session. If your child is attending for a morning term time only funded session, you will also get the option of paying for a lunch if you choose to do so. Meals are itemised on your monthly invoice.

In order to keep the nursery allergy friendly, we do not allow packed lunches or food to be brought from home.

Non funded hours

In our experience, families often need more than the funded hours and so we have adapted our sessions to ensure parents have the most flexible options.

We do not provide childcare by the hour, which means funded hours will only cover a proportion of a full day session. Therefore non funded hours are used to cover the remaining hours of each session. These are charged at the standard rate and itemised on your invoice. See the next page for further information.

How the 30 Government funded hours are provided as stretched provision.

This will be made up of 22.4 Free Early Education hours per week and 9.1 additional hours. There will be an additional charge for lunches of £3.00 per day. The diagram below shows how a typical day is broken down into funded and non funded hours.



There are a limited number of term time only 30 hours places available. These are provided on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the office for more information.