

Little Oaks Ashford
Funding delivery of FF2, Working Parent Entitlement & FEE
2026 - 2027

Dear Parents/Carers and families

As you are aware the Government have amended the amount of funding parents can claim from September 2025. We ask that you read all information below to ensure you have a good clear understanding on Little Oaks funding delivery.

Universal 3 year – 4 year government funding (FEE)

All children qualify for 15 hours funding over 38 weeks of the year the term after a child's third birthday. Parents may also qualify for the additional 15 hour working parent element funding. Please see the information and guidance below.

Working Parent entitlement – 9 months – 4 years

Parents who qualify for the working parent funding element can claim up to 30 hours funding over 38 weeks of the year, for children aged 9 months and a term up to 4 years old.

To qualify for the working Parent entitlement, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) must earn on average, the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum living wage per week and no more than £100,000 per year. Self-employed parents on zero-hour contracts will be eligible if they meet the average earnings threshold.

Families where one parent is not in paid employment (or neither parent works) will usually **not** be eligible for these additional hours. Parents who are studying or in training will not be eligible unless this is combined with paid work which meets the minimum average earnings threshold. Eligibility will be checked by HMRC and will be based on actual income earned.

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure they're confirm their child's funding code every 3 months. If this is **not** completed your child/ children may lose the working parent entitlement funding and **full fee's will be charged.**

Tax Free Childcare Scheme

Parents are able to apply for both 30 hour working parent element funding and the *Tax-Free Childcare scheme* through a joint online application, as the eligibility requirements for both schemes are aligned. Further information can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Stretched funding

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Little Oaks Ashford deliver all universal and working parent funding stretched across 48 weeks of the year. Please see the breakdown below:

- 15 hours universal FEE over 38 weeks will equate to – 12 hours over 47 weeks of the year and 6 hours in the 48th week.
- 30 hours working parent entitlement/FEE will equate to – 24 hours over 47 weeks of the year and 12 hours in the 48th week.

All term dates will be emailed to parents.

Please note that outside of these 48 weeks, normal nursery fees will be charged at full price

Please be aware that entitlement to a Free Early Education place does not offer a guarantee of a place at any one provider or a particular pattern of delivery.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your child's place further, please do not hesitate to speak to Laura or Louise, Nursery Manager & Deputy Manager, or email us:
littleoaksashford@btconnect.com

Yours sincerely

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Little Oaks Early Years

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Little Oaks offers a wide variety of complimentary extended extra curriculum activities inclusive of all funded hours.

Enhanced messaging services, play visits, stay and plays, visiting workshop, walks within the community, supporting safety clothing, graduation gift, seasonal celebrations including parties and gifts, seasonal outdoor apparel and many more

Funded sessions available

All available funding sessions are below, along with what is included in each session. Following these sessions is our funding table, displaying each funded age band, and any additional costs for each session available. Each funded session is colour coded

Basic funded session – 11 am – 5 pm for all children accessing up to **24 hrs FEE/ WPE**: includes 12 hours of childcare, stretched over 47 weeks and 6 hours in the 48th week.

Basic funded session – 1pm – 5pm for all children accessing up to **12 hrs FEE/ FF2** stretched over 47 weeks and 6 hours in the 48th week.

Please see optional extra's if you wish to add your child's food to the session.

If you do not wish to pay for the optional extras, you must provide the following for each session ensuring you follow our safe food and healthy eating policy. –

- 11am – 5pm : packed lunch and light tea
- 1pm – 5pm: light tea

Optional funded bundle

For eligible parents of children aged 9 months to 4 years accessing up to 24hrs or 12 hrs FEE/Working parent entitlement, stretched over 48 weeks

- Full day session 9.00am – 5.00pm – includes 6 hours funded 11am – 5pm, plus optional costs which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack, home cooked lunch and home cooked tea. Please see table below for costings

Unfunded basic sessions

All basic funded sessions are charged at full price during unfunded periods of the academic year, please see in the table below. All term dates will be sent to parents clearly showing unfunded periods.

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Funding table

NHS EMPLOYEE'S	9 month – 2 years	2 years to 3 years	3 years to 4 years
Basic funded session for families accessing 24hr FFE/ WPE 11am – 5pm (optional extras available)	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session
Unfunded Basic sessions 11am – 5pm (optional extras available) – unfunded period only	£64.20 per session	£63.00 per session	£63.00 per session
Basic funded session for families accessing 12 hr FFE/FF2 1pm – 5pm (optional extra's available)	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session
Unfunded basic session for families accessing 12 hr FFE/FF2 1pm – 5pm (optional extra's available) – unfunded period only		£42.00 per session	£42.00 per session
Optional Funded bundle 9am – 5pm – please see above for what is included	£29.15 per session	£28.75 per session	£28.75 per session

NON NHS	9 month – 2 years	2 years to 3 years	3 years to 4 years
Basic funded session for families accessing 24hr FFE/ WPE 11am – 5pm (optional extras available)	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session
Unfunded basic sessions 11am – 5pm (optional extras available) – unfunded period only	£67.20 per session	£66.00 per session	£66.00 per session
Basic funded session for families accessing 12 hr FFE/FF2 1pm – 5pm (optional extra's available)	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session	£0.00 per session
Unfunded basic session for families accessing 12 hr FFE/FF2 1pm – 5pm (optional extra's available) – unfunded period only		£44.00 per session	£44.00 per session
Optional Funded bundle 9am – 5pm – please see above for what is included	£30.15 per session	£29.75 per session	£29.75 per session

Optional Extra's

Home cooked lunch	Home cooked tea	Morning snack	Additional hour 7am – 8am	Additional hour 8am – 9am	Additional hour 5pm – 6pm	Additional half hour between 7am – 9am
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£3.75	£3.00	£1.00	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00	£6.00
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Additional optional extra curriculum activity cost:

Accessing our local community provides opportunities outside of the nursery environment to encourage deep level learning from real experiences.

Forest school - **£28.00** per block sessions

Minibus trips to our local community - **£3.00** per trip