

## Little Oaks Margate

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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### ***Stretched funding***

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Little Oaks Margate 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 48<sup>th</sup> week.
- 30 hours working parent entitlement/FEE will equate to – 24 hours over 47 weeks of the year and 12 hours in the 48<sup>th</sup> 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 Claire or Zoe, Nursery Manager & Deputy Manager, or email us:

[littleoaksmargate@btconnect.com](mailto:littleoaksmargate@btconnect.com)

Yours sincerely

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Little Oaks Early Years

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### FEE, Working Parent Entitlement & FF2 Funding Structure 2025 - 2026

#### FF2 Funding 2025 - 2026

#### **15 hours (TERM TIME ONLY)**

For children aged 2 -3 years only, subject to eligibility

#### 15 hours Free Early Education for children aged 3 – 4 years and the & Working Parent Entitlement for children aged 2 – 3 years, subject to eligibility

**You may choose a combination of any of the below sessions up to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year (TERM TIME ONLY)**

A minimum of 2 sessions per week on 2 different days is required to ensure continuity of care

	9am to 3pm plus optional consumable charge	9am to 1pm plus optional consumable charge	1pm to 5pm plus optional consumable charge	9am to 12pm plus optional consumable charge	1pm to 4pm plus optional consumable charge
2-3 years	£3.50 per session	£3.00 per session	£3.00 Per session	£2.50 Per session	£2.50 Per session
3 – 4 years	£3.50 per session	£3.00 Per session	£3.00 Per session	£2.50 Per session	£2.50 Per session

#### FEE Stretched Funding Structure 2025 - 2026

You may choose to stretch your child's funding across 48 weeks of the year

#### **15 hours stretched Working Parent Entitlement / FEE for children aged 2, 3 & 4 years, subject to eligibility:**

You may choose a combination of sessions up to 12 hours per week for 47 weeks, plus 6 hours in the 48<sup>th</sup> week.

#### **30 hours stretched Working Parent Entitlement / FEE for children aged 2, 3 & 4 years, subject to eligibility:**

You may choose a combination of sessions up to 24 hours per week for 47 weeks, plus 12 hours in the 48<sup>th</sup> week.

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### Optional consumable charge

	15hr stretched FEE/WPE 9am – 5pm Plus optional Consumable charge	15hr stretched FEE/WPE 9am – 1pm Plus optional Consumable charge	15hr stretched FEE/WPE 1pm – 5pm Plus optional Consumable charge	30hr stretched FEE/WPE 9am – 5pm Plus optional Consumable charge	30hr stretched FEE/WPE 9am – 3pm Plus optional Consumable charge
2 – 3 years	£4.00 per session	£3.00 Per session	£3.00 Per session	£4.00 Per session	£3.50 Per session
3- 4 years	£4.00 Per session	£3.00 Per session	£3.00 Per session	£4.00 Per session	£3.50 Per session

**Little Oaks offers a funded bundle session or basic funded session for children aged 9months – 2 years. Please see below for details**

**For eligible parents of children aged 9 months – 2 years, who are employed by the NHS accessing up to 24 hours stretched Working Parents Entitlement**

- **9am – 5pm funded bundle session:** includes 6 hours funded 11am – 5pm, plus optional **£22.25** which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack and light tea.

$$2 \times £10.25 = £20.50 + £1.00 + £3.00 = £24.50$$

**Max 4 sessions a week for 47 weeks and 2 sessions for 48<sup>th</sup> week**

- **Basic funded session – 11am – 5pm:** includes 6 hours of childcare, please see optional extra's  
**Max 4 sessions a week for 47 weeks and 1 session for 48<sup>th</sup> week**

**UNFUNDED SESSIONS ONLY** (outside of funded weeks)

- **Basic session – 11am – 5pm:** £61.50 includes 6 hours of childcare please see below for optional extra's

**If you do not wish to access any additional extra's you must provide the following for each session ensuring you follow our safer food and healthy eating policy**

- **11am – 5pm** - packed lunch and a light tea

**For eligible parents of children aged 9 months – 2 years, who are NOT employed by the NHS accessing up to 24 hours stretched Working Parents Entitlement**

- **9am – 5pm funded bundle session:** includes 6 hours funded 11am – 5pm, plus optional **£22.75** which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack and light tea.  $2 \times £10.50 = £21.00 + £1.00 + £3.00 = £25.00$

**Max 4 sessions a week for 47 weeks and 1 session for 48<sup>th</sup> week**

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- **Basic funded session** – 11am – 5pm: includes 6 hours of childcare, please see optional extra's  
**Max 4 sessions a week for 47 weeks and 1 session for 48<sup>th</sup> week**

### **UNFUNDED SESSIONS ONLY** (outside of funded weeks)

- **Basic session** – 11am – 5pm: £63.00 includes 6 hours of childcare please see below for optional extra's

**If you do not wish to access any additional extra's you must provide the following for each session ensuring you follow our safer food and healthy eating policy**

- **11am – 5pm** - packed lunch and a light tea

#### ***Optional extra's***

*Light tea £3.00 per day.*

*Breakfast £1.55 per day*

*Additional hours – 7am – 8am - £12.00 including breakfast*

*Additional hours – 8am – 9am - £12.00 including breakfast*

*Additional hours – 5pm – 6pm - £12.00 including light snack*

*Parents must supply their child with wet wipes and suncream (when required) for each session they attend. If the nursery must supply these due to them not being provided the charges below will be added to your invoice.*

#### ***Chargeable add on if not supplied by parents***

*Wet wipes - £2.20 per pack*

*Sun Cream - £10.00 per bottle (bottle to remain at nursery for your child)*

### **ALL FUNDED SESSIONS:**

Our Little Oaks fee structure and hourly rate will be used to calculate any wrap-around hours after the 15 / 30 hours free early education has been deducted. Please see our fees for applicable prices.

#### **Please Note:**

- Working Parent Entitlement FEE (9 months - 2 years) funding starts from the term after your child turns 9 months (FROM SEPT 2024)
- Working Parent Entitlement FEE (2 year old) funding starts from the term after your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday
- FEE (3 & 4 year old) funding starts from the term after your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday

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