

Little Oaks Sandgate
Funding delivery of FF2, Working Parent Entitlement & FEE
2025 - 2026

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

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Stretched funding

Little Oaks Sandgate 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 Sara or Shana, Nursery Manager & Deputy Manager, or email us: littleoakssandgate@btinternet.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, home visits, visiting workshop, walks within the community, supporting safety clothing, graduation gift, seasonal celebrations including parties and gifts, seasonal outdoor apparel and many more

For eligible parents of all funded age brackets accessing up to 24 hours FEE stretched over 47 weeks and 12 hours in the 48th week

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

Max 4 days per week for 47 weeks and 2 days for the 48th week

UNFUNDED SESSIONS (outside of funded weeks)

- **Basic session** – 11am – 5pm: £63.90 includes 6 hours of childcare please see below for optional extra's

For children aged 2-, 3- & 4-year-olds accessing up to 12 hours FEE/ FF2 stretched over 48 weeks:

- **Basic funded session** – 1pm – 5pm: 4 hour funded session, please see below for optional extra's

Max 3 days per week for 47 weeks

UNFUNDED SESSIONS ONLY (outside of funded weeks)

- **Basic session** – 1pm – 5pm: £42.60 includes 4 hours of childcare please see below for optional extra's

- **Basic funded session** – 1pm-4pm@ 3 hour funded session, please see below for optional extra's

Max 2 days for the 48th week only

Optional Extra's

Home cooked hot lunch: **£3.50** per day

Home cooked tea: **£2.50** per day.

Breakfast: **£1.55** per day

Morning snack: **£0.75p** per session

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Additionally, if you do not wish to pay for the optional extras above, you must provide the following for each session ensuring your following our safer food and healthy eating policy.

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

Optional funded bundle

For eligible parents of children aged 9 months to 2 year olds accessing up to 24 hrs and 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 **£28.05** which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack, home cooked hot lunch and light tea.
- $2 \times £10.65 = £21.30 + £0.75 + £3.50 + £2.50 = £28.05$

**24 hrs FEE Max 4 sessions per week for 47 weeks and 2 sessions in 48th week
12 hrs FEE Max 2 sessions per week for 47 weeks and 1 session in 48th week**

For eligible parents of children aged 2 - 3 years old accessing up to 24 hrs and 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 **£28.05** which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack, home cooked hot lunch and light tea.
- $2 \times £10.65 = £21.30 + £0.75 + £3.50 + £2.50 = £28.05$

**24 hrs FEE Max 4 sessions per week for 47 weeks and 2 sessions in 48th week
12 hrs FEE Max 2 sessions per week for 47 weeks and 1 session in 48th week**

For eligible parents of children aged 3 & 4 year olds accessing up to 24 hrs and 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 **£28.05** which includes 2 hours childcare, morning snack, home cooked hot lunch and light tea.
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Additional hour(s)

8am – 9am: including 1 hour childcare & breakfast	£12.00
5pm – 6pm: including 1 hour childcare & late snack	£12.00

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

Beach School - **£7.00** per session

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