

Fees and Funding Options – Sept 26 (reviewed annually)

OPTIONS	SESSIONS	COST PER DAY
A) Fee Paying (no funding) All Year	<u>Choose from:</u> - Short Day - 8am to 3.30pm - Long Day - 8am to 5.30pm <u>Wraparound options:</u> 7.30am start - Additional hours at end of day (ie finish at 4.30pm after a short day). Payable by the hour. All sessions are for 50 weeks* Wraparound is dependent on available space	£62.00 £72.00 £5.00 £9.00/hr
B) Fee Paying (no funding) Term Time Only	<u>Choose from:</u> - Short Day - 8am to 3.30pm - Long Day - 8am to 5.30pm <u>Wraparound options:</u> 7.30am start - Additional hours at end of day (ie finish at 4.30pm after a short day). Payable by the hour. All sessions are Term Time Only (38 weeks) Wraparound is dependent on available space	£66.00 £77.00 £5.00 £9.00/hr
C) Opt in – Stretched Funding (30 hours) over 50 weeks	3 x Short Days per week 8am to 3.30pm 50 weeks*	£18.50 per funded day
D) Opt in – Stretched Funding (30 hours) over 50 weeks (with Wraparound)	3 x Short Days per week 8am to 3.30pm - Funding is spread across 50 weeks* - Option to have additional days (payable) - Option to have additional time (payable) at beginning and/or end of sessions ie 7.30am start and/or 4.30pm or 5.30pm finish.	£18.50 per funded day £9.00 per hour wraparound £5.00 for 7.30am start See Option A above for additional daycare costs.
E) Opt in - Term Time Only Funding (30 hours) over 38 weeks	3 x days per week (7.30am to 5.30pm) term time only. 30 hours of funding per week for 38 weeks of the academic year	£23.00 per funded day
F) Opt in - Term Time Only Funding (30 hours) over 38 weeks (with wraparound)	3 x days per week (7.30am to 5.30pm) term time only. 30 hours of funding per week for 38 weeks of the academic year - Option to have additional days which will be chargeable.	£23.00 per funded day See Option B above for additional daycare costs.
G) Opt in - 15 hours Funding - Term Time Only	2 days per week - Short Day 8am to 3.30pm 38 weeks term time only	£18.50 per funded day
H) Opt in - 15 hours Funding - Term Time Only (with wraparound)	2 days per week - Short Day 8am to 3.30pm 38 weeks term time only - Option to have additional days which will be chargeable.	£18.50 per funded day See Option B above for additional daycare costs.
I) Opt out – Fully Funded	- You will only be offered spaces which are available - These spaces do not include food or enhanced resources, lessons, trips, etc which do not fall under the minimum Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. - You will provide food and additional enhanced resources yourself and will be charged for lessons and additional services (should you wish your child to take part)	

Please choose your option overleaf.

Please sign and date the form and return to us by.....

***Nursery Closure Dates:** Christmas week and August Bank Holiday week. You will not be charged for nursery closure days.

Late Collection Charges: A late collection charge of £10 will be charged for every 15 minutes that a parent is late, unless a late pick up has previously been arranged.

Fees are subject to review on a termly basis.

Opt In

Includes all food and additional activities and lessons. Also includes enhanced resources which go over and above the minimum requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework to enrich your child's learning and education at Little Orchard Nursery.

"Opt In" Funding Options go beyond basic care and offer additional learning and developmental opportunities for your child. This will include activities like music, yoga, Pyjama Drama, Environmental groups, visits, etc the goal is to provide a well-rounded experience that supports your child's holistic development.

A full list of "Opt In" services and resources is detailed within your funding contract.

Breakdown of daily charges for funded sessions – Enhanced Resources, Experiences and Food

Term Time Only Funding over 38 weeks

Food £8/ Enhanced Resources (above EYFS minimum) £8, Enhanced Experiences £7 (above EYFS minimum)

Total £23

Stretched Funding over 50 weeks

Food £6/ Enhanced Resources (above EYFS minimum) £6, Enhanced Experiences (above EYFS minimum) £6.50

Total £18.50

OPT IN

I agree to opt in to the enhanced services, resources and provision fee and I request option

Please choose between options C, D, E, F, G, H

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Please confirm the days and times you require:

I agree to voluntarily pay the fee of the option I have chosen. I understand that I will be invoiced on a monthly basis.

Name

Child's Name

Signed

Date

OPT OUT

I wish to opt out of enhanced services, resources and provision

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My preferred session times would be

I understand that sessions may be changed on a termly basis depending on availability.

I agree to provide everything that my child needs that is not part of the minimum EYFS requirements.

Name

Child's Name

Signed

Date

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FUNDING PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Available Funding

As of September 2026, Little Orchard Day Nursery Ltd will offer funded spaces of up to 30 hours per week for eligible children. This will be for a trial period of up to 12 months while we ascertain whether it is financially viable for the business to continue to offer funded places. However, it will be reviewed on a termly basis during the 12-month period.

What is included in the funding for my child?

The Government provide an hourly funding rate that contributes towards the cost of childcare and education for your child's sessions. While the funded hours are shown as "free" at the point of delivery on your invoice, we charge separately for enhanced services, resources and provisions.

We have created a choice of packages for you to voluntarily choose from. These are shown on the attached Fees and Funding Options table.

Term Time Only Funding

We will continue to offer a small number of term time only contracts primarily for parents who work in education. See attached Fees and Funding Options table (Options E, F, G, H)

Stretched Funding

From September, we intend to offer funding as a "stretched" option to support parents who work year-round. The stretched funding will be offered for 50 weeks of the year (allowing for August and December nursery closures). The weekly allocation of hours using the stretched funding model equates to 11 hours per week (not 15 hours) and 22 hours per week (not 30 hours). See attached Fees and Funding Options table (Options C, D, I).

Enhanced Resources, Experiences and Food

At Little Orchard Nursery we go above and beyond the minimum requirements set by the EYFS to ensure that your child receives a rich, engaging and nurturing Early Years experience. By opting into the enhanced resources, experiences and food fee, your child's experiences go above and beyond the minimum Early Years Foundation Stage provision.

Here are some examples of the enhanced experiences, resources, and provisions we provide to give your child the best possible start.

These include, but are not limited to:

Outdoor Learning & Nature Experiences

Outdoor play is essential for children's development, encouraging curiosity, creativity and confidence.

- *Exploring and taking safe risks in our main garden, forest garden, kitchen garden, baby garden and digging area.*

- *Learning how plants grow from seed to harvest, taking care of plants by watering and weeding, understanding why plants need sunlight, water and care and observing changes in plants and seasons.*
- *Growing our own food and gardening.*
- *Working together.*
- *Sensory exploration - different textures in soil, leaves and seeds.*
- *Mud Kitchens and nature play areas.*
- *Trikes, scooters and bikes*
- *Water play area, sandpits and refilling with sand, bark and gravel in digging areas.*
- *Bug and bee hotels, mini-beast exploration kits and discovering life cycles.*
- *Outdoor learning shelters and covered areas eg canopy, gazebo, tents, hammock*
- *Sun hats, water proofs and wellies provided by the setting.*
- *Outdoor craft activities, e.g. bird feeders.*
- *Grass cutting, weeding and outdoor space maintenance.*
- *Forest School resources and specialist training for fire pit use and tool use.*

Enriched Learning through trips and outings

Children love to explore beyond the nursery, and we make sure they have amazing visits to outdoor spaces, local organisations, shops and institutions (e.g. parks, local walks, fire station, St Mary's Church Kington, Turner's Garden Centre, Kington Court, The Garth, Hergest Croft, etc).

- *Safety Sid walking rope*
- *Pushchairs and buggies for younger children on outings*
- *Extra staffing for trips to ensure safety*

Premium Sleep and Comfort Provisions

Rest time is as important as play time

- *Individual calming sleep spaces, sleep mats, cots, or beds.*
- *Soft blankets, pillows, comforters and Seasalt storage bags.*
- *Relaxation CDs, salt lamps, lava lamps, lavender essential oils.*
- *Washing and laundering bedding regularly.*

Creative, Messy and Sensory Play

- *High-quality, extensive arts and crafts materials.*
- *Sensory play trays water containing cornflour silk, edible play materials, clay, paints etc*
- *Baking, food play and cooking experiences, with food tasting attached to festivals/celebrations.*
- *Loose parts equipment, open-ended resources and real resources.*
- *Sensory play*
- *Woodwork resources offering rich, hands-on learning that benefits children's fine motor skills, problem solving, creativity, concentration and risk management.*

Specialist Music, Movement and Cultural Experiences

Introducing children to a world of music, movement and cultural diversity.

- *Music lessons and enhanced musical instruments.*
- *Yoga weekly sessions.*
- *Pyjama Drama weekly sessions.*
- *Musical instruments and percussion sets.*
- *World music and cultural celebrations.*
- *Music support from Encore Music.*

Mealtime and Nutrition Support

Prioritising fresh, healthy food to support children's nutrition.

- *Two course nutritious cooked lunch.*
- *Healthy snacks.*
- *Nutritious tea.*
- *Individual named water bottles.*
- *Organic milk.*
- *Cost of transportation of cooked lunches.*
- *Baking activities and cooking sessions.*
- *Food waste/composting.*
- *Staff member making weekly shopping trips for fresh food and provisions.*

Seasonal and Celebratory Events

- *Festive bags, Christmas parties, Christmas lunches, Sing a Long sessions with families.*
- *Cultural experiences throughout the year.*
- *Mothering Sunday event.*
- *Easter activities.*
- *Father's Day garden event.*
- *Annual Family Fun Day.*
- *Leavers' celebrations and keep sake gifts.*
- *Birthday celebrations.*

Specialist Staff Training (over minimum requirements)

- *Forest school.*
- *Noodle Now Training Package.*
- *Paediatric training over minimum requirements.*
- *Encore Music.*

Additional Staffing Costs and Administration

Running a high-quality nursery involves behind-the-scenes work to ensure everything runs smoothly.

- *Staff time spent preparing and administering invoices.*
- *Online invoicing systems for parents.*

- *Parent Communication, information sharing (Tapestry, EY Man)*
- *Parent access to Tapestry to view the child's learning and development journey along with a downloadable pdf copy when they leave the setting.*
- *Extra observations and assessments beyond statutory requirements.*
- *Evening Parent meetings.*
- *Additional staff for all events*

Why this matters to parents and children.....

The Early Years Foundation Stage requires the minimum provision for learning, development and care. We invest far more than just the minimum, ensuring children have a rich, stimulating, high-quality early years' experience.

Without parents opting into the additional voluntary enhanced resources, experiences and food fee, many of these valuable experiences, trips, learning resources and comforts would not be possible.

Our enhanced resources, experiences and food fee is an optional addition to your funded session.

If you choose to opt out, you will need to provide everything your child needs that is not part of the Early Years Foundation Stage delivery. Your session choices may be limited depending on planned nursery activities. Funded sessions may be changed on a termly basis, subject to availability,

Please see the attached Fees and Funding Options Table and select your option. Please return to us signed and dated.

Funding Terms and Conditions

- All hours booked outside of funded hours will be charge at the hourly wraparound rate.
- Unused hours cannot be carried forward from one week to the next.
- 30 hours funding can only be used to access provision for either 8am to 3.30pm (stretched) or 7.30am to 5.30pm (term time only).
- Term time only children must attend for a minimum of 3 full days per week to enable for 30 hours entitlement.
- 30 hours stretched funding children must attend at least 3 short days per week (with the option of wraparound)
- 15 hours funding cannot be stretched (must be term time only) and used to access provision between 8am and 3.30pm over two days per week
- Four weeks notice is required to withdraw a child or change hours.
- Term dates and funding dates are set by Herefordshire County Council. We follow these dates.

Booking a Place

When booking a space at Little Orchard Nursery you will be required to pay a non - returnable Registration Fee of £100. This is to cover the cost of administration and settling in visits.

Paying Nursery fees

We ask that parents pay via BACS on receipt of their invoice. Childcare should be paid for in advance to secure your child's place and allow for staff planning in accordance with OFSTED regulations. We also accept nursery vouchers. Bank details will be within your contract and on the invoices. If a parent has difficulties paying fees on time please communicate in confidence to Ms Hulin who will then come to an agreement as how their child can continue at nursery.

Other terms and conditions are available within your nursery contract.