

FEES STRUCTURE FOR LITTLE FAWNS PRE SCHOOL 2026-27

At Little Fawns Pre School we believe in open communication with all parents/carers and staff and are therefore presenting this fees structure in order to ensure everyone fully understands our charging. We are open for 38 weeks per year, closing on Bank Holidays and Inset Days. Our fees do not include any outings, celebrations, specialist teaching sessions or entertainment that is in addition to our usual session activities. During the course of the academic year we hold additional special events such as our Sports Day, Parties and annual Summer Outing. Little Fawns Pre School will schedule these dates within the academic calendar. Children who normally attend on these days will still have funding claimed and will be expected to pay fees.

FEES: Fees are payable half termly in advance at the start of each half term. This is in accordance with the rates in force at the time. Fees are reviewed annually and any changes to the current rates will be advised in writing to start from the new academic year.

Session fees (9.00am - 12.00pm) (12.00pm - 3.00pm)	£20.00 per session £20.00 per session
Lunch Club fee (12.00pm - 1.00pm)	£7.50 per session

Please note we operate on a minimum attendance of two days a week

DEPOSITS: We charge a £25 deposit to secure your child's place on our waiting list. This will be refunded in your child's first term with us. If you do not take up your child's place this deposit is non-refundable. Children that are eligible for Free For 2 funding are not required to pay a deposit.

FOOD CONSUMABLE FEE

We have a voluntary food fee of £1.25 per day which is payable each half term. The food fee is to cover healthy and nutritious snacks provided by pre-school, which are not covered by childcare costs included within the government funding from the local authority. Should you wish to opt out of this charge, you will need to provide your own snack which meets with our Healthy Eating policy and complies with the Food Standards Early Years preparation guide and this must be in a named snack box that fits inside your child's bag. Please speak to our manager Sarah if you are opting out.

NON-FOOD CONSUMABLE FEE

We have a voluntary non-food consumable fee of 50p per day which is payable each half term. The non-food consumable charge is to cover items which are items not covered by childcare costs included within the government funding from the local authority such as wet wipes, sun-cream and bags for nappies and wet clothing. Should you wish to opt out of this charge, you will need to provide all these items in your child's bag. Please speak to our manager Sarah if you are opting out.

(Please note you opt in or out for both consumable fees together, they cannot be split)

ILLNESS/ABSENCE: No refund will be given in the event of a child's absence due to illness or holiday.

CLOSURES: Should the preschool be unable to open due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances, parents will be refunded for a chargeable session or have it discounted from their next invoice. Should closure need to take place part way through a session, a refund will not be given in this instance.

LATE COLLECTION: Children must be collected promptly at the end of a session. Should a parent fail to collect their child at session end, a late collection fee of £1.00 for the first 5 minutes will be charged, and a further £1.00 per minute thereafter.

LATE PAYMENTS: Fees are to be paid by the end of week 3 of each term. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak in confidence to Sarah so that alternative payment arrangements can be made. If without negotiation, fees are not settled Little Fawns Pre School will automatically apply a late payment penalty of £10 to the invoice and reserve the right to withdraw your child's place until payment is received. Children in receipt of Free Early Education will be unable to access any additional fee paying hours until outstanding fees are settled.

PAYMENT METHODS: Invoices can be settled by cash, directly into the bank/bank transfer, Tax-Free Childcare account or childcare vouchers.

FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION: All children become eligible for Universal Funded Early Education the term after they become 3 years old. Some 2 year olds may also be eligible for funding under Kent's Free For Two scheme and the Working Families Entitlement, parents are asked to check with www.childcarechoices.co.uk to see if they are eligible for these funding streams.

A child is eligible for Funded Early Education at the start of the term after their second (if eligible), or third birthday in line with the Department for Education table below:

A CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN	WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A FUNDED PLACE FROM
1 st April and 31 st August	Start of term 1, in September, following their 2 nd /3 rd birthday
1 st September and 31 st December	Start of term 3, in January, following their 2 nd /3 rd birthday
1 st January and 31 st March	Start of term 5, in April, following their 2 nd /3 rd birthday

UNIVERSAL FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION

All 3 and 4 year old children will be funded to a maximum of 15 universal hours per week over a minimum of 2 days. No session is to be longer than 10 hours per day for 38 weeks per year. In Kent and at Little Fawns Pre School, funded hours can be used across all sessions that pre-school is open.

FREE FOR 2 FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION

Each eligible 2 year old child will be funded to a maximum of 15 universal hours per week over a minimum of 2 days. No session is to be longer than 10 hours per day for 38 weeks per year. In Kent and at Little Fawns Pre School, funded hours can be used across all sessions that pre-school is open.

30 HOURS FUNDED CHILDCARE – WORKING FAMILIES EXTENDED ENTITLEMENT

Each eligible 2, 3 & 4 year old will be funded up to a maximum of 30 hours per week. No session is to be longer than 10 hours per day for 38 weeks per year. In Kent and at Little Fawns Pre School, funded hours can be used across all sessions that pre-school is open.