

Little Dragons nursery fees and free offer - VALID 1.6.25 - 31.3.26

We have three options for attendance at Little Dragons nursery which are shown on the following pages and are the same for all age groups.

Option 1 Combination of free* and paid hours for the 15 and 30 hours funding stretched over 51 weeks = 11 or 22 hours free per week with all other hours charged for, based on a 10-hour day.

Option 2 All hours are paid where children are not eligible to receive funding, based on a 10-hour day.

Option 3 Free hours only* for the 15 and 30 hours funding = 11 or 22 hours free per week for 51 weeks per year with no charge made for this attendance.

***For options 1 & 3, the times of the free hours are as specified on the following pages ONLY**

A sibling discount of 9.5% is available when one or more siblings attend the nursery. The discount applies to the oldest sibling's fees and ends when they leave the nursery. For twins or triplets, the 9.5% discount will be split evenly between the children.

Fees are calculated on a monthly basis and the same fee is payable each month throughout the year. The monthly fees are calculated as follows; daily rate times by number of days attended in a week times by 51 (weeks that the nursery is open for) and divided by twelve.

If a child joins or leaves the nursery part way through a month the fees will be calculated using the daily rate.

Fees are payable throughout the year other than for the week in which the nurseries are closed at Christmas which includes closure at 1pm on Christmas Eve and this is allowed for in your monthly fees. Fees remain payable when your child is absent from the nursery due to sickness, holiday and when the nursery closes on Bank Holidays and for two staff training days per year.

The daily rate charged for all ages groups **without funding**, for children attending 2, 3 or 4 days per week is £79.00.

For children attending the nursery on a full-time basis of five days per week, the fees shown include a 9.5% discount and the daily rate charged is £71.49.

The hourly rate charged for the paid hours for all ages groups **with the funding**, for children attending 2, 3 or 4 days per week is £7.90.

For children attending the nursery on a full-time basis of five days per week, the fees shown include a 9.5% discount and the hourly rate charged is £7.15.

Regarding the funding/free hours, the BHFT nursery terms start on 1st April 1st September & 1st January and the cut off dates to apply for the 15 and 30 hours are 31st March 31st August & 31st December.

Please see [Childcare support checker | Best Start in Life](#) for further information regarding all funding and Tax Free Childcare.

Option 1 Combination of free and paid hours

Monthly fees and deposit amount for children accessing free and paid hours - 'combination'

All fees are based on the 10-hour nursery day. All meals and snacks are included.

15 hours funding for children the term after they turn 9 months old and the term after their second birthday, where parents meet the eligibility criteria. And for all children the term after their third birthday.

The funding is given as 5.5 hours free on days one and two between the hours of 9.30am-3.00pm. The remaining 4.5 hours on these days are paid hours. Full fees are charged on days three, four and five.

15 hours funding	Hours charged per calendar month	Fees per calendar month
2 days = 11 hours free + 9 hours charged	38.25	£302.17
3 days = 11 hours free + 19 hours charged	80.75	£637.92
4 days = 11 hours free + 29 hours charged	123.25	£973.67
5 days = 11 hours free + 39 hours charged	165.75	£1,185.11

30 hours funding for children from the term after their third birthday where parents meet the eligibility criteria. And from September 2025, for children the term after they turn 9 months old and the term after their second birthday, where parents meet the eligibility criteria.

The funding is given as 7.5 hours free on days one and two between the hours of 9.00am-4.30pm and 7 hours free on day three between the hours of 9.00am-4.00pm. The remaining 2.5 and 3 hours on these days are paid hours. Full fees are charged on days four and five.

As nursery days are 10 hours, children must attend for 3 days or more per week to claim the full 22 hours funding.

30 hours funding	Hours charged per calendar month	Fees per calendar month
2 days = 15 hours free + 5 hours charged	21.25	£167.87
3 days = 22 hours free + 8 hours charged	34.00	£268.60
4 days = 22 hours free + 18 hours charged	76.50	£604.35
5 days = 22 hours free + 28 hours charged	119.00	£850.85

Option 2 All hours are paid

Monthly fees and deposit amount for children not receiving funding

Attendance	Per calendar month
2 days	£671.50
3 days	£1,007.25
4 days	£1,343.00
5 days	£1,519.16

Option 3 Free hours only

No fees charged and no deposit required

15 hours funding

Available on two days per week between the hours of 9.30am-3.00pm. For the 51 weeks per year that the nursery is open.

30 hours funding

Available on three days per week. Between the hours of 9.00am-4.30pm on days one and two and between the hours of 9.00am-4.00pm on day three. For the 51 weeks per year that the nursery is open.

For the free hours attendance, we ask parents to make a voluntary contribution for lunch and snacks if they can. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch for your child's lunch.

Our suggested amount for the nursery lunch and snacks is £5 per day however we are grateful for any amount lower or higher than this, please pay what you can. This will be agreed and noted in your terms and conditions when your place is offered, and you will receive a monthly invoice for the voluntary contribution only.