

Little Explorers

Funding, Fees & Parent Contract Pack

Effective April 2026

Funding, Fees & Payment Terms

Parents are charged for their contracted hours.

Fees are payable for the full contracted term regardless of holidays, sickness, non-attendance or any other absence. No refunds or reductions are given, except as set out in the Registration Fee & Deposit section below.

Fees are charged for a full academic term. Payment may be made weekly or monthly only if requested and agreed in writing before the start of the term.

All fees must be paid in advance.

Registration Fee & Deposit

A non-refundable Registration Fee of £40 is payable to secure your child's place. This fee is separate from the Deposit and is not refundable under any circumstances.

A Deposit of £200 is payable prior to your child's start date and is treated as follows:

- £100 of the Deposit will be deducted from your first month's invoice.
- The remaining £100 will be refunded when your child leaves the nursery, provided the full notice period set out in this contract has been given and served in full.

If the full notice period is not served, the remaining £100 will not be refunded.

This Registration Fee and Deposit do not apply to families accessing the 15 Hours or 30 Hours Totally Free Funding Package only. In line with the Kent Provider Agreement, no registration fee, deposit or notice period may be applied to a child's fully funded free entitlement place. The Registration Fee and Deposit set out above apply only where a family also takes up additional privately paid hours or services beyond their free entitlement.

Contract Options

- 48 Weeks Per Year Contract
- Term Time Only (38 Weeks)

Contracts may only be amended in September, January or April.

Session Times & Fees

Session	Time	Price (All Ages)	Holiday Club Price
Breakfast Session	7:30 – 9:00	£19.75	£19.75
Core Session	9:00 – 3:00	£60	£60
Afternoon Session	3:00 – 5:00	£15.50	£15.50
Extended Day Session	3:00 – 6:00	£23.50	£23.50

Holiday Club: Children who are not on a full year (48 week) contract may request Holiday Club sessions on an ad-hoc basis. Availability will normally be shared approximately 4 weeks before the start of each holiday period.

Voluntary Enhancement Supplement

£15 per funded day (Optional)

Includes cooking, baking, themed food experiences, clay and specialist art materials, seasonal crafts and keepsake gifts to take home, celebration events and community visits.

The Enhancement Supplement allows booking of chargeable extras including holiday club, extended hours, swimming and farm visits.

Optional & Chargeable Extras

- Breakfast Session 7:30–9:00
- Core Session 9:00–3:00 (when taken outside funded entitlement)
- Afternoon Session 3:00–5:00
- Extended Day Session 3:00–6:00
- Holiday Club
- Swimming – £8 per session
- Farm visits – £7 per session
- Nappies & wipes – £1 per day (parents may supply their own)
- School collection – £10 per child
- Late collection – £1 per minute

Parent Contract & Registration Form

Child Details

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Attendance Pattern

Please tick the sessions required for each day.

Day	TT 7:30–9	TT 9–3	TT 3–5	TT 3–6	HC 7:30–9	HC 9–3	HC 3–5	HC 3–6
Monday	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tuesday	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wednesday	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Thursday	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Friday	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Enhancement Supplement Choice

- ☐ OPT IN – £15 per funded day (allows booking of chargeable extras)
- ☐ OPT OUT – funded hours only

Parent Declaration

I confirm the information provided is correct and agree to the Funding, Fees and Payment Terms.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

15 Hours Totally Free Funding Package

Children entitled to the 15 hours of totally free funded childcare may access their funded hours on one of the following attendance patterns only:

- Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Wednesday: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- Thursday & Friday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

These sessions are provided completely free of charge. Parents are not required to purchase any additional hours, services, activities, meals, consumables, or extras in order to access their child's

funded entitlement. No Registration Fee or Deposit is payable for the 15 Hours Totally Free Funding Package.

The totally free funding package is available only within the session patterns listed above. No additional sessions, extended hours, holiday club, trips, enhancement activities, or other chargeable services can be added while remaining on the totally free package.

If parents choose to book any additional hours, activities, enhancement packages, or chargeable services, they will be moving away from the totally free funding package and additional fees and contractual terms will apply. A separate contract and payment agreement will then be required for those additional services.

☐ I wish to access the 15 Hours Totally Free Funding Package only.

☐ I wish to purchase additional hours/services and understand that additional fees and contractual terms will apply.

30 Hours Totally Free Funding Package

Children entitled to the 30 hours of totally free funded childcare may access their funded hours on the following attendance pattern:

- Monday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Tuesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

These sessions are provided completely free of charge. Parents are not required to purchase any additional hours, services, activities, meals, consumables, or extras in order to access their child's funded entitlement. No Registration Fee or Deposit is payable for the 30 Hours Totally Free Funding Package.

The totally free funding package is available only within the attendance pattern listed above. No additional sessions, extended hours, holiday club, trips, enhancement activities, or other chargeable services can be added while remaining on the totally free package.

If parents choose to book any additional hours, activities, enhancement packages, or chargeable services, they will be moving away from the totally free funding package and additional fees and contractual terms will apply. A separate contract and payment agreement will then be required for those additional services.

☐ I wish to access the 30 Hours Totally Free Funding Package only.

☐ I wish to purchase additional hours/services and understand that additional fees and contractual terms will apply.

Extending the Totally Free 15 Hours Package

Parents who wish to move away from the Totally Free 15 Hours Package may choose to purchase additional childcare sessions.

Children accessing the 15 Hours Totally Free Funding Package may use their funded hours within the set funded attendance patterns. Where a child attends a 3-hour funded session on a Wednesday (9:00am–12:00pm or 12:00pm–3:00pm), parents may extend this to a full day by purchasing the additional morning or afternoon session for £30 per session.

The 3-hour funded sessions are available only to families wishing to increase their child's attendance beyond the totally free 15 hours package and increase their attendance to 18 hours or more per week.

By purchasing additional sessions, families will no longer be accessing the Totally Free 15 Hours Package only and will move onto the nursery's paid package.

The following charges will then apply:

- Additional morning or afternoon session: £30 per session
- Voluntary Enhancement Supplement: £15 per funded day attended

The Voluntary Enhancement Supplement includes cooking and baking experiences, themed food activities, specialist art materials, seasonal crafts and keepsake gifts, celebration events, community visits and access to chargeable extras such as holiday club, extended hours, swimming and farm visits.

All additional sessions, enhancements and chargeable services are entirely optional and will be subject to the nursery's standard fees, terms and conditions and a separate paid contract agreement.

☐ I wish to remain on the Totally Free 15 Hours Package only.

☐ I wish to purchase additional sessions and understand that separate fees and contractual terms, including the £15 per funded day Voluntary Enhancement Supplement, will apply.