



## **Little Bicks Nursery - Funding & Fees Guide**

Effective September 2026

### **Government Funded Childcare**

The Government provides funded childcare for eligible families.

Current entitlements include:

- 15 hours for eligible 2-year-olds (Government Supported families)
- 15 hours universal funding for all 3–4-year-olds
- 30 hours for eligible working families from 9 months-4 years

Eligibility for working families is assessed by HMRC through the Best Start in Life website. Parents must provide a valid eligibility code and reconfirm this every three months, as required by HMRC.

Funding begins the term after your child becomes eligible and is subject to availability.

### **How Funding Is Delivered at Little Bicks**

Little Bicks operates 45 weeks per year.

All funded places for working families, both 15 hours and 30 hours, are delivered as stretched funding across 46 weeks.

This means:

- The 15-hour entitlement is spread across the extended year.
- The 30-hour entitlement is spread across the extended year.

Because the annual funded hours are spread across more weeks, the weekly funded hours are slightly lower than 15 or 30 hours.

Parents can't choose whether funding is stretched. It is automatically delivered this way for all eligible working family funding.

The only funding offered on a term time only basis is:

- 15-hour Universal funding for 3-year-olds
- 15-hour Government Supported funding for eligible 2-year-olds

These are delivered as 38-week term time places only.

If a child attends outside of their funded hours or outside of their contracted weeks, charges will apply at the wraparound rate (page 4).

The exact number of funded hours per week depends on the term in which the child first becomes eligible for funding.

### **Our Nursery Year**

Little Bicks operates for 45 weeks per year.

We close for:

- Two weeks in winter
- Two weeks at Pesach
- Two weeks in August

Friday 8am to 12pm is a non funded session.

## **Termly Pricing & Monthly Payments**

Your monthly fee is based on the term in which your child first becomes eligible for funding.

You will continue to pay that term's price up to and including August of that academic year.

In September, fees move to the Autumn term price for the new academic year.

For example:

If funding starts in the Spring term, you will pay the Spring term monthly price until August. From September, your fees will change to the Autumn term price.

All nursery fees are calculated across the full year and split into 12 equal monthly payments.

This means your monthly payment stays the same each month, regardless of how many weeks your child attends in that month.

This applies to both extended year and term time contracts.

Even if your child does not attend in August, payment is still required as fees are averaged across the year.

## **Additional Costs**

Government funding does not cover the full cost of childcare.

The following charges apply unless included within an All-Inclusive package.

### **1. Enhanced Provisions**

£6.50 per day, optional.

Includes music, sports, language sessions, forest school, yoga, festivals, seasonal events, trips, cooking and graduation activities.

### **2. Security**

£1 per hour capped at £30 per week.

### **3. Food**

8am-5pm / 8am-6pm £15

9am-4pm £10

Not charged on Fridays.

Core EYFS provision is always delivered at no cost.

## **How Fees Are Calculated**

- Funded hours appear on your invoice at £0.
- Any hours above funded entitlement are charged at the wraparound rate, unless an all-inclusive package has been applied..
- Food, security and enhanced provision are added where applicable.
- Monthly payments are equalised across the year for consistency.

## **Termly Funding Allocations**

The Local Authority allocates funding differently each term.

The number of funded hours per week depends on:

- The term your child first becomes eligible
- The number of funded weeks remaining in that academic year

Your monthly fee is based on the term in which funding begins.



## **Tax Free Childcare**

Working families may use Tax Free Childcare to pay for fees. Deposits may not be paid via the TFC account. For every £8 paid in to the childcare service account, the Government adds £2.

Visit [www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) for further information.

Little Bicks cannot advise on which government scheme is most suitable for your family.

## **Registration & Fee Terms**

### Registration Fee

£80 per child. Non-refundable where additional hours are accessed above funded hours.

### Deposit

£500 refundable at the end of attendance, subject to all fees being paid. If accessing a Nil Cost place, the deposit is returned after one month of child's attendance.

Fees are payable over 12 equal monthly instalments.

One term's notice is required to leave.

Late payment charges £50 per child per month.

Late collection charges apply, payable in cash.

Full details are outlined in our Registration Form terms and conditions and Parental Agreement.

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## Our Pricing Structure

We offer several ways to access your funded place.

### **1. Funded only option – Nil Cost 15 Hour Universal & Government Supported 2 & 3 Year Old Offer**

This is a 38 week term time only offer.

Session time:

- 9am-12pm
- Monday-Friday

Funded cost: £0

Not included:

- Security £3 per day
- Enhanced provision £6.50 per day - optional

Additional hours may be added at the wraparound rate.

### **30 hours from 9 months-4 years offer**

This is offered term time or extended year

Session time:

- 8am-5pm
- Two days per week

Funded cost: £0

Not included:

- Security £3 per day
- Food £15 per day
- Enhanced provision £6.50 per day - optional

Additional hours may be added at the wraparound rate.

### **Wraparound Care Rates**

Any hours attended above funded entitlement are charged at the following rates:

Number of Hours Paid for	Cost per hour
1-20 hours	£20
21-30 hours	£12.50
31+ hours	£10
8am-12pm Friday	£49

## 2. All Inclusive Package

This package combines:

- Additional hours above funded entitlement
- Food
- Security
- Enhanced provision

All services are bundled into one monthly price. This offers simplified billing and overall best value.

15 Hours Funding - Extended year children					
Monthly prices					
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 12.67 hours/week	Spring Term 12.5 hours/week	Summer Term 11.67 hours/week	
<b>Session Times:</b> 8.00am to 5.00pm	2 days	£390	£406	£445	
	Plus Friday	£596	£612	£652	
	<b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	3 days	£731	£747	£786
		Plus Friday	£930	£946	£985
	4 days	£1049	£1066	£1104	
	Plus Friday	£1237	£1253	£1292	
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 12.67 hours/week	Spring Term 12.5 hours/week	Summer Term 11.67 hours/week	
<b>Session Times:</b> 9am to 4pm	3 days	£616	£632	£671	
	Plus Friday	£786	£802	£841	
	<b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	4 days	£803	£935	£974
Plus Friday		£1081	£1097	£1136	

15 Hours Funding - Term Time children					
Monthly prices					
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 15 hours/week	Spring Term 15 hours/week	Summer Term 15 hours/week	
<b>Session Times:</b> 8.00am to 5.00pm	2 days	£271	£288	£326	
	Plus Friday	£439	£456	£494	
	<b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	3 days	£553	£569	£608
		Plus Friday	£718	£734	£773
	4 days	£816	£832	£871	
	Plus Friday	£971	£987	£1026	
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 15 hours/week	Spring Term 15 hours/week	Summer Term 15 hours/week	
<b>Session Times:</b> 9am to 4pm	3 days	£458	£474	£513	
	Plus Friday	£620	£636	£675	
<b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	4 days	£708	£725	£763	
	Plus Friday	£870	£886	£925	

30 Hours Funding – Extended Year children				
Monthly prices				
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 25.33 hours/week	Spring Term 25 hours/week	Summer Term 23.33 hours/week
<b>Session Times:</b> 8.00am to 5.00pm  <b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	2 days	£248	£248	£248
	Plus Friday	£454	£454	£454
	3 days	£512	£632	£760
	Plus Friday	£676	£796	£924
	4 days	£895	£1014	£1143
	Plus Friday	£1080	£1203	£1339
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 25.33 hours/week	Spring Term 25 hours/week	Summer Term 23.33 hours/week
<b>Session Times:</b> 9am to 4pm <b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	4 days	£595	£712	£800
	Plus Friday	£789	£908	£1003

30 Hours Funding – Term Time children				
Monthly prices				
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 25.33 hours/week	Spring Term 25 hours/week	Summer Term 23.33 hours/week
<b>Session Times:</b> 8.00am to 5.00pm  <b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	2 days	£208	£208	£208
	Plus Friday	£375	£375	£375
	3 days	£440	£480	£644
	Plus Friday	£604	£647	£811
	4 days	£756	£796	£960
	Plus Friday	£901	£985	£1205
	Funding Entitlement	Autumn Term 25.33 hours/week	Spring Term 25 hours/week	Summer Term 23.33 hours/week
<b>Session Times:</b> 9am to 4pm <b>Fridays</b> 8am-12pm	4 days	£576	£675	£717
	Plus Friday	£738	£820	£872

5-6pm Add on (Kinloss Branch Only)				
Monthly prices				
Extended Year	1 day +£50	2 days + £100	3 days + £150	4 days + £200
Term Time	1 day +£42	2 days + £84	3 days + £126	4 days + £168

## 2. Build Your Own Package

This option allows families to:

- Access funded hours
- Add wraparound hours if required
- Add enhanced provision (optional)
- Pay food and security separately

This provides flexibility and transparency.

You must choose one structure. The two options cannot be combined.

### How to calculate your daily cost

1. Find the “Hours Left to Pay per Day” in Column C based on the number of days your child attends (Column A).
2. Multiply those hours by the wraparound hourly rate shown in the Wraparound Care table (page 8).
3. Add any additional daily charges.

This will give you your total daily rate.

#### Day rate for 15 hours funded and paid for hours

A	B	C	Don't forget to add	Other charges	Cost	
Days per week on 8am-5pm	Funded hours per day	Hours left to pay per day				
2	3	6			Enhanced Provision (optional)	£6.50 a day
3	3	6			Security	£1 per hour (capped at £30 a week)
4	3	6			Food costs	Whole day £15 Part day £10 (not charged on Friday)
8am-12pm Friday	3	1				

#### 46 week Stretched Funding

#### Autumn Term starters funding allocation September to August

Term Child Funding Starts is Autumn	No of Weeks	Termly Hours Claimed 15 or 30	15 Hours per week over 46 weeks	30 Stretched Hours per week Over 46 weeks
Autumn	14	210/420	12.39	24.78
Spring	11	165/330	11.61	23.22
Summer	13	195/390	11.41	23.13

#### Autumn Term - Day rate 30 hours funded and paid for hours

A	B	C	Don't forget to add	Other charges	Cost	
Days per week on 8am-5pm	Funded hours per day	Hours left to pay per day				
2	9	0			Enhanced Provision (optional)	£6.50 a day
3	8.26	0.74			Security	£1 per hour (capped at £30 a week)
4	6.19	2.81			Food costs	Whole day £15 Part day £10 (not charged on Friday)
8am-12pm Friday	0	4				

### Spring Term starters funding allocation January to August

Term Child Funding Starts is Spring	No of Weeks	Termly Hours Claimed 15 or 30	15 Hours per week over 24 weeks	30 Stretched Hours per week Over 31 weeks
Spring	11	165/330	11.61	23.22
Summer	13	195/390	11.41	23.13

### Spring Term - Day rate 30 hours funded and paid for hours

A	B	C	Don't forget to add	Other charges	Cost
Days per week on 8am-5pm	Funded hours per day	Hours left to pay per day		Enhanced Provision (optional)	£6.50 a day
2	9	0		Security	£1 per hour (capped at £30 a week)
3	7.74	1.26		Food costs	Whole day £15 Part day £10 (not charged on Friday)
4	5.80	3.20			
8am-12pm Friday	0	4			

### Summer Term starters funding allocation April to August

Term Child Funding Starts	No of Weeks	Termly Hours Claimed 15 or 30	15 Hours per week over 13 weeks	30 Stretched Hours per week Over 18 weeks
Summer	13	195/390	11.41	23.13

### Summer Term- Day rate 30 hours funded and paid for hours

A	B	C	Don't forget to add	Other charges	Cost
Days per week on 8am-5pm	Funded hours per day	Hours left to pay per day		Enhanced Provision (optional)	£6.50 a day
2	9	0		Security	£1 per hour (capped at £30 a week)
3	6.50	1.29		Food costs	Whole day £15 Part day £10 (not charged on Friday)
4	4.88	2.22			
8am-12pm Friday	0	4			