FEES AND FUNDING

Effective April 2026

Welcome to Little Fireflies Nursery at High Hurstwood Village Hall

We are delighted that you are considering Little Fireflies for your child's early years education. At our nursery, we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

This document outlines our fees, funding options, and payment policies to ensure clarity and transparency. We offer a variety of funding schemes, including government grants, to support families in making childcare accessible and affordable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us—we are here to help!

Warm regards,
Debbie Büchner
07780 663140

OPENING HOURS

Little Fireflies is open from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year excluding Bank Holidays and 2 weeks at Christmas (usually in line with East Sussex school holidays).

REGISTRATION FEE

A voluntary registration Fee of £65.00 is payable. This includes the cost of a Little Fireflies backpack and a Little Fireflies T-shirt for your child.

Backpacks and t-shirts are available to purchase separately.

DEPOSIT

A £100 deposit is payable on application and/or to place your child on a waiting list. This will be deducted from your first invoice if the place offered is taken up. This deposit is not refundable if the place offered is not taken up. If we are unable to offer you a place at any stage, we will refund the £100.

PAYMENT TERMS

Fees are payable **monthly in advance** to the bank account below:

Newton Lang Childcare Limited	Account no: 33271269
Barclays Bank	Branch code: 20-88-13

Please pay your fees promptly. Non-payment may result in your place being terminated and unpaid fees will incur an administration fee of £5.00 per week until payment is received.

Fees are reviewed every six months, and we may amend them by providing you with one month's notice. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for a child's absence of whatever nature including holidays, sickness and bad weather. Prolonged closure due to a pandemic or similar event will be assessed and communicated at the time. Exceptional circumstances relating to absences can be discussed with the Nursery Manager.

The nursery will be closed on all Bank Holidays though normal charges still apply and for two weeks over Christmas which are not charged.

NOTICE PERIODS (INCLUDING FUNDED HOURS)

Any changes to sessions can only be accommodated if there is availability. Please request changes in writing by email. 1 calendar months' written notice is required to terminate your place. Please discuss with the Nursery Manager & email: info@little-fireflies.com
Please be aware the funding has a 'headcount' day each term, after which we are unable to amend the number of funded hours being claimed for that term.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

We understand that childcare costs can be a concern, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you to access the financial support available. There are several schemes designed to help families with the cost of childcare, and we've outlined some of the key options below.

Tax-Free Childcare

If you qualify for Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you contribute, the government will add £2, which you can use to pay your childcare provider. More details are available here: www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare.

Childcare Vouchers

Childcare Vouchers are an employee benefit available to many working parents. They are tax-free and exempt from National Insurance contributions, helping you save money on childcare costs. Your employer may offer a Childcare Voucher Scheme—check with your HR department or search online for more details.

Newton Lang Childcare is registered with numerous Voucher Schemes, so please feel free to contact us if you need any information.

For an overview of all the available support options, visit https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/

We're happy to help if you have any questions!

FEES - PRIVATE (NO FUNDING)

Please see the table below for our most up-to-date unfunded fees.

SESSION	DAILY CHARGE	**PLUS** LUNCH SUPPLIED BY ZEBEDEES*	INCLUDES
FULL DAY 8:30AM TO 5:30PM	£79.65	Plus lunch £3.47 / £3.84 for special diet	Breakfast, snacks, activities, consumables and tea.
SCHOOL DAY 8:30AM TO 4:00PM	£70.20	Plus lunch £3.47 / £3.84 for special diet	Breakfast and snacks, activities and consumables.
MORNING 8:30AM TO 1:00PM	£49.50	Plus lunch £3.47 / £3.84 for special diet	Breakfast and snacks, activities and consumables.
AFTERNOON 1:00AM TO 5:30PM	£49.50		Afternoon snack, consumables, activities and tea.
EXTRA HOUR	£11.00		

* Subject to Zebedees pricing

EYEE FUNDING

At **Little Fireflies**, we strive to make quality childcare accessible and affordable for families. Below, you'll find important details about **Early Years Education Entitlement (EYEE)** funding, session requirements, and how we allocate funded places.

EYEE – What You Need to Know

The **Early Years Education Entitlement (EYEE)** provides government-funded early education for eligible **children aged 9 months to 4 years**. This funding ensures that all children receive high-quality early education, giving them a strong start in their development. To find out if your child qualifies, please visit https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/

To continue accessing EYEE funding, it is your responsibility to **update your unique funding code every term**. Failure to do so will result in you being liable for the full nursery fees. Once your child becomes eligible, we will ask you to complete the necessary forms each term so we can claim the funding on your behalf.

While the **education and care** element of EYEE-funded sessions is covered, there is a voluntary charge for snacks, meals, consumables, French lessons, Forest School, and other activities.

Session Requirements & Funding Allocation

We recommend children attend at least **three sessions per week**. We currently offer a maximum of **22.5 funded hours per week** for children aged **9 months to 4 years** under the stretched funding offer. If your child attends fewer than **five days per week**, they may be eligible for additional funded hours per day—please discuss this with the management team. We do not offer a **term-time-only option**; all funded hours are distributed across the year.To maintain correct staffing ratios and ensure the highest quality care, **Little Fireflies does not offer hourly care**.

LITTLE FIREFLIES FUNDING OFFER:

Please see our funding offer below. Please note that all additional hours booked that fall outside the funded hours available, are charged for.

SESSION	9 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS	BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND TEA	OPTIONAL EXTRAS
VERY EARLY SESSION 7:30AM - 8:OOAM	£7.35		
EARLY SESSION 1 8:00AM - 8.30AM	£6.30		
EARLY SESSION 2 8:30AM - 9.30AM	£12.60	Plus Breakfast £1.75	
MORNING SESSION 9.30AM – 12:30PM	£34.65 or £0.00 if funded hours.	Plus Snacks (optional) £1.10	Consumables £1.35
	Plus Lunch £3.47 or £3.84 for special diet		Extra 30mins for 1PM Finish £6.00
AFTERNOON SESSION 12:30PM – 3.30PM	£34.65 or £0.00 if funded hours	Plus Snacks (optional) £1.10	Consumables £1.35
LATE AFTERNOON SESSION 1 3.30PM - 4.00PM	£5.75		
LATE AFTERNOON SESSION 2 4PM - 4.30PM	£5.75	Plus Tea £2.90 (if required)	

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION 3 4.30PM – 5.30PM	£12.60	Plus Tea £2.90	
VERY LATE SESSION 5.30PM -6PM (If available)	£7.35		
FUNDING LIMITS 9 MONTHS – 4 YEARS	Max 6 hours funding per day Must be between 9.30AM and 3.30PM		

LET'S TALK

We are always happy to discuss ways to help children attend our nursery. Extra funded hours/flexible collection times may be possible depending on days and staff:child ratio's. If you have any questions or would like to explore your options, please contact our **Nursery Manager, Abbie Tester.**

For more details on childcare funding and costs, visit:
https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.