



FEES AND FUNDING

Effective September 2024

OPENING HOURS

Little Fireflies is open from 7.30am to 6.30pm, 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 non-refundable 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. ***

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** into the bank account below:

Newton Lang Childcare Limited
Barclays Bank

Account no: 33271269
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. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for a child's absence of whatever nature including holidays, sickness, bad weather and regrettably for COVID isolation. Prolonged closure due to a pandemic or similar event will be assessed at the time. Exceptional circumstances relating to absence can be discussed with the Nursery Manager. Fees are reviewed every 6 months and we may amend them by providing you with one month's notice. The nursery will be closed on all Bank Holidays (normal charges still apply) & for 2 weeks over Christmas (not charged)

NOTICE PERIODS (INCLUDING FUNDED HOURS)

Changes to Sessions is based upon 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

You may wish to take a look at the following page on the HM Government website for the different types of help available to you to help paying for your childcare: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. More information can be found here: www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Childcare Vouchers are an employee benefit available to all eligible working parents. Childcare Vouchers are non-taxable and exempt from National Insurance contributions for employees, whilst offering NI savings for employers. Ask your Human Resources Department if they offer a Childcare Voucher Scheme, or search for childcare vouchers online.

Newton Lang Childcare is registered with numerous Voucher Schemes, please contact us if you need any details.

FEES

SESSION	HOURS	DAILY CHARGE 3 -4 YEAR OLDS	DAILY CHARGE 2 YEAR OLDS	DAILY CHARGE BABY ROOM (9 months - 2 yrs)	PLUS LUNCH SUPPLIED BY ZEBEDEES**	INCLUDES
FULL DAY	8:30am to 5:30pm	£63.00	£67.50	£76.50	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet	Breakfast, snacks and tea.
SCHOOL DAY	8:30am to 4:00pm	£54.00	£57.00	£67.50	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet	Breakfast and snacks.
MORNING	8:30am to 1:00pm	£38.25	£40.50	£45.00	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet	Breakfast and snacks.
AFTERNOON	1:00 to 5:30pm	£38.25	£40.50	£45.00		Afternoon snack and tea.
EXTRA HOUR		£8.50	£9.00	£10.00		

All fees include our care package.

EYEE FUNDING - SEE OVERLEAF FOR LITTLE FIREFLIES OFFER

From the term **after** their 3rd birthday, all children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare. For most working families, this increases to 30 hours funded childcare. We offer funded hours stretched over 50 weeks of the year. **Please note:** It is your responsibility to update your unique 30-hour funding code each term to access the EYEE funding. Should you fail to update this, you will only receive the Universal 15 hour offer and be liable for any additional hours taken per day.

Some 2-year-olds will qualify for 15 hours funded childcare the term after their 2nd birthday. Please go to the East Sussex County Council Webpage to check eligibility. We will need your 2 year funding code in order to claim for these hours. Link as below:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support/>

Please note: We only offer a stretched offer and do not offer a term-time only option.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/costs/childcare-costs

We may, during busy times, require that these funded hours are taken in the afternoons. Please contact us should you wish to use these EYEE funded hours. Should we require you to change your funded hours, we will give you a months notice.

Once your child becomes eligible, we will ask you to complete the necessary forms each term to enable us to claim this funding on your behalf.

The care and education element of the Free Entitlement session is funded, however there will be a further charge, at our normal rate (please see the fees below for details) for the extra snacks, activities, wipes, sun-cream, Forest School etc. that are provided during the session.

The Baby Room care package includes snacks/wipes/cow's milk and all the extras listed above. Parents are required to supply their own nappies and any alternative milk/formula. Children aged 1 and over will be included in the Zebedee's lunch order at £3.15 (£3.50 for special diet) per lunch. Children under the age of 1, will receive Zebedee's pureed meals.

Regrettably due to ensuring Ratio's and staffing is always correct, Little Fireflies is unable to offer hourly care.

LITTLE FIREFLIES FUNDING OFFER:

SESSION	HOURS	DAILY CHARGE 3 TO 4 YEAR OLDS	DAILY CHARGE 2 YEAR OLDS	DAILY CHARGE BABY ROOM (9 months - 2 YEARS)	PLUS LUNCH SUPPLIED BY ZEBEDEES**	INCLUDED
FULL DAY (4.5 HOURS FUNDED) INCLUDES CARE PACKAGE OF £2.50 PER HOUR)	8:30AM TO 5:30PM	£42.75	£45.00	£49.50	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet)	Breakfast, snacks and tea.
SCHOOL DAY (4 HOURS FUNDED) INCLUDES CARE PACKAGE OF £3.25 PER HOUR	8:30AM TO 4PM	£38.20	£39.60	£44.50	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet)	Breakfast and snacks.
MORNING (3 HOURS FUNDED) INCLUDES CARE PACKAGE OF £5.50 PER HOUR	8:30AM TO 1PM	£29.25	£30.00	£31.50	£3.15 / £3.50 for special diet)	Breakfast and snacks.
AFTERNOON (3 HOURS FUNDED) INCLUDES CARE PACKAGE OF £5.50 PER HOUR	1PM TO 5:30PM	£29.25	£30.00	£31.50		Afternoon snack and tea.

Minimum bookings - 3 sessions per week

PLEASE NOTE: The number of funded hours we allow may fluctuate depending on government funding rates.

The number of funded hours allocated may be different for 2 year olds and 3-4 year olds, due to different funding rates from the government.

** Subject to Zebedees pricing

We do reserve 2 places per year for fully funded sessions. These sessions may be offered in the afternoons and depend on individual circumstances. These sessions do still have a care package payment of £4.50 for morning and afternoon sessions, £6 for a school day and £7.50 for a full day.

*** Children on a fully funded offer do not have to pay the registration fee. Backpacks and t-shirts are available to purchase separately.

Funding explained:

15 hours allowance calculations:

From September: 38 weeks (academic year) x 15 hours = 570 hours divided by 50 weeks (LF is open) = 11.4 hours (rounded up to 11.5 hours).

From January: 25 weeks (academic year) x 15 hours = 375 hours divided by 35 weeks (LF is open) = 10.7 hours (rounded up to 11 hours).

From April: 13 weeks (academic year) x 15 hours = 195 hours divided by 22 weeks (LF is open) = 8.8 hours (rounded up to 9 hours).

30 hours allowance calculations:

From September: 38 weeks (academic year) x 30 hours = 1,140 hrs divided by 50 weeks (LF is open) = 22.8 hrs (rounded up to 23 hours).

From January: 25 weeks (academic year) x 30 hours = 750 hours divided by 35 weeks (LF is open) = 21.4 hours (rounded up to 22 hours).

From April: 13 weeks (academic year) x 30 hours = 390 hours divided by 22 weeks (LF is open) = 17.7 hours (rounded up to 18 hours).