

Fee sheet

Standard Childcare Fees

Below, you'll find the standard fee sheet for Little Steps. These fees apply to families who are not eligible for any government funding and represent the full, non-funded cost of childcare.

Effective From 1st January 2026

	Start	End	0-2 year olds	2-3 year olds	3-5 year olds
Full day	7.45am	6pm	118.95	118.95	118.95

Fees will include all meals, drinks and snacks prepared on site by our Nursery Chef plus consumables and additional activities.

Additional information

Fees are based on 51 weeks per year, paid monthly in advance.

A minimum booking of 2 full days per week is required and 3 days for over 3 year olds.

Minimum Notice requirements apply, and fees are subject to review in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

The nursery will be closed on all Bank Holidays (normal charges still apply). No exchanges, credits or refunds will be given for sickness or holidays.

Late Collection fee of £10 for every 15 minutes, or part of, that you are late collecting your child after the end of their agreed session.

We do not provide childcare by the hour.

To confirm your child's place, we require two months' fees in advance. Half of this payment is allocated to the first month of attendance, and the balance applied to your child's final month with us.

Funded Childcare: Additional Voluntary fees

It is important to know that Government funding does not cover the full cost of childcare. It covers core hours but excludes essential extras like meals, nappies, extra hours, enrichment activities and trips.

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For every funded session, we ask parents to contribute towards our meals, additional activities and all consumables such as nappies, wipes and sun cream as these are not covered by the funding we receive. To keep things simple, we include these charges in our Little Steps Complete package, providing an all-inclusive rate ensuring the best quality experience for your child and peace of mind and convenience for you.

More than just a meal.

Mealtimes are key learning moments, helping children develop confidence in exploring new tastes, handling food using cutlery – all essential skill for starting school.

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	0-2 year olds	Over 2 year olds
Additional charges	£15 per day	£25 per day

Additional information

We stretch funded hours across 51 weeks of the year. This means you receive a maximum of 22.35 hour per weeks for the 30 hours scheme and 11.18 hours per week for the 15 hours scheme. Fees are based on 51 weeks per year, paid monthly in advance.

If you require any additional hours over and above the funded entitlement these will be charged at our standard rate (please refer to the standard childcare fees listed on page 1).

For children up to 3 years old a minimum booking of 2 full days per week is required. For children 3 and over a minimum of 3 days is required.

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Fee example – 3 days per week - 9 months to 2 years old



Fee example – 3 days per week - 2 to 3 year olds



Fee example – 3 days per week – 3 to 5 year olds



Please note the fee varies by age group as the funding rate from the government reduces from £11.65 per funded hour for under 2 year olds to £6 per funded hour for over 3 year olds.

Thinking of opting out?

If you are considering opting out of Little Steps Complete, please first discuss your decision with Mary. Should you choose to proceed, you will need to contact fees@little-steps.co.uk to provide formal notice and confirm your agreement to this policy. Please note that we require at least two calendar month's notice to process your request. This allows us to update our records, adjust invoices, and ensure the centre is fully prepared for any changes related to your child's care. If you choose to provide your own items before the notice period expires, the relevant charges will still apply.

Please note: To remain eligible for the 30 hours scheme, parents must reconfirm their eligibility with HMRC every 3 months, or when prompted.