



## **Fees and Funding Policy**

From April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places to clearly break down any charges for consumables and additional services or enhanced provision. This policy explains what is included in your government funding and what optional extras we offer beyond that should you opt in to our 'extras charge'

Under the new legislation, we must provide transparency to parents and an option to "opt-out" of extra charges during funded hours.

Funding for childcare is offered by the government so that all eligible children can access the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum free of charge. The EYFS curriculum includes:

- communication and language
- personal, social and emotional development
- physical development
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

At Little Stars Day Nursery, we offer opportunities above and beyond the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and these are covered by our 'extra services charge'. Some examples of our above and beyond services include outings, music and movement sessions, healthy and nutritious meals prepared onsite, celebrations and special events and much more. These additional extras are embedded into everything that we do, and it would not be possible without our families opting into this charge.

Item	Daily cost	
<b>Meals package</b>	School Day	Full Day
	<b>£11.82</b>	<b>£18.82</b>
- Unlimited Snacks		
- Lunch		
- Tea	N/A	
<b>Tea only</b> (tea, drinks and afternoon snacks)	N/A	£7
<b>Sundries Package</b>	<b>£3.84</b>	
- Intimate care supplies (e.g. Nappies/ wipes)		
- Suncream		
- Medicines (Calpol, Piriton etc)		
<b>Enrichment package</b>	<b>£4.16</b>	

- Cooking	
- Care of animals	
- Seasonal activities	
- Specialist small group learning	
- Trips and visits	
- Access to home learning	

These additional extras are an optional cost, and we understand that not all families will be able or willing to pay these. Where a family chooses to opt out of all or some of our additional extras we will endeavour to work with them to agree reasonable alternatives. Should you wish to opt out of all or some of our additional extras please contact Lisa Wakley- Davies ([lisa.littlestars@outlook.com](mailto:lisa.littlestars@outlook.com)) or Samantha Cracknell ([Sam.littlestars1@outlook.com](mailto:Sam.littlestars1@outlook.com)) to discuss and agree reasonable alternatives available.

We understand that family circumstances can change and families are able to change their additional extra packages or opt out at any time. We do however require one calendar months notices for any changes to additional extras, and these should be discussed with Lisa or Sam to ensure reasonable alternatives are agreed.