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## Government Funding Options

| <u>Child age</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <u>Funding Type</u>               | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Eligibility</u>                           |
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| <u>9 months – 4 years</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>Working Parent Entitlement</u> | <u>30 hours</u> | <u>Working families</u>                      |
| <u>2 Year Olds</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>2Help Entitlement</u>          | <u>15 hours</u> | <u>Families receiving Government Support</u> |
| <u>3 – 4 Year Olds</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Universal Funding</u>          | <u>15 hours</u> | <u>All families</u>                          |
| <u>Please note that these options are available from <b>the term after</b> a child turns the relevant age or the term after the Eligibility code validity start date, whichever is the latest, and where the child's parent has current confirmation of eligibility from HMRC. We will just need to see proof of your child's DOB (Passport or Birth Certificate).</u> |                                   |                 |                                              |

Little Dragon's Day Nursery is registered to claim for the Government Childcare Funding. You can look at all the available funding options and check your eligibility using the following link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts>

Parents are responsible for providing us with a valid eligibility code (required for all funding options apart from **3&4 Year Old Universal Funding**) and it is essential that this remains valid for the duration of the academic year to enable us to apply the funding to Care Patterns. For all Funding options, we will need to see proof of your child's DOB (Passport or Birth Certificate). For Funding options that require eligibility codes, we will also need to know a parent's NI number and be provided with the valid eligibility code to enable us to apply the funding to Care Patterns.

Government Funding is available for 38 weeks of each academic year known as 'Term Time'. At Little Dragon's Day Nursery, we allow parents to 'stretch' their funding over the full year to provide you with a more consistent monthly invoice. Each term is subject to change due to the number of funding hours available (please refer to the specific term that your child will start to receive funding for your Fee Schedule i.e. if your children will become eligible in January, please see Spring Term Fee Schedule). Please note 30 hours funding is only offered as a stretched model over 51 weeks. We offer a limited number of 38-week places for 15 funded hours only.

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## Additional Charges

The Government now requires us to show how we deliver funded hours and the charges around them in a more detailed way. The vast majority of our children are now eligible for some sort of funding, and these hours are delivered completely free of charge. We do however charge for additional hours outside of the funding hours where you choose to access a full day, meals, supplies and the enhanced activities we provide above and beyond the standard offering, as detailed below:

| Extra Charge Items  | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Additional Hours    | Weekly Funded hours are divided equally over the number of sessions attended per week. Where Funded hours do not cover the full 10-hour day, the Additional Hours charge covers the cost of the additional hours outside of funding within the 10-hour day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Meals & Snacks      | At Little Dragon's, the children will enjoy a variety of freshly prepared, home-cooked meals. All our food is freshly cooked on site every day by our passionate Chef. Our menus are created alongside an Early Years Nutritionist who helps us ensure that our menus are nutritionally balanced. The love and care that goes into our meals combined with a comprehensive knowledge of Early Years nutrition makes our menu's a winner for both children and parents!                                                 |
| Consumables         | All the essential items used for children's care and education which require regular replenishment. This may include but not limited to: nappies, wipes, tissues, cotton wool, nappy bags, sun cream, cooking materials, science resources, teething products, Calpol, Piriton – the lot! Calpol, Piriton and teething products will only be administered with consent from a parent/guardian as per our Medicine policy.                                                                                              |
| Enhanced Activities | Enhanced activities are those provided over and above the basic government funded provision. These activities include, but are not limited to, any external provider classes e.g. music and movement classes, Forest School, cooking sessions, learning experiences i.e. hatching chicks/butterflies, outings/visits, parties for children, equipment or gifts that the children take home such as for Mother's or Father's Day and other such specific activities that the nursery buys in specifically for children. |

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## Additional Charges Continued...

- Standard Opening Times: Monday to Friday 8am until 6pm for 51 weeks/year (Closed Bank Holidays and 1 week over Christmas).
- Minimum number of days = 2 days
- Early Club is available from 7.30am upon request at a cost of £8.25
- Fees are collected monthly and are payable 1 month in advance. Your invoice will detail the total number of hours attended each week and within the description you will see the daily funded hours that have been allocated at NIL cost.

| <u>Additional Hours Charge</u> |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Number of hours                | Cost per hour |
| 1 – 20 hours                   | £17.60        |
| 21 – 30 hours                  | £12.10        |
| 31 – 40 hours                  | £11.00        |
| 40 hours +                     | £9.90         |

| <u>Other Charges</u> |                  |
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| Item                 | Cost per Session |
| Consumables          | £4.40            |
| Activities           | £6.60            |
| Meals                | £16.50           |

Please note that you may opt out of some or all additional charges, however:

- Your child may be excluded from certain activities and resources if you choose not to pay for them.
- The core Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision will always be provided at no cost, ensuring no compromise to their basic education.

For those families that are not eligible for funding, please contact use for an individual quote. Please use our 40 hours+ rate as a starting point.

## How Our Monthly Fees Are Calculated

The fees shown in the table below represent your **monthly payment**. To provide families with consistent and predictable payments throughout the year, our fees are **annualised**. We calculate the total cost of your child's booked attendance across our **51 chargeable weeks of the year** and divide this into **12 equal monthly payments**. This means your monthly invoice remains the same regardless of how many nursery days fall within a particular calendar month, including months affected by Bank Holidays or nursery closure periods. Your monthly payment therefore represents **one twelfth of your annual childcare cost**, rather than a charge for the specific sessions attended during that month. This includes Term Time only Care Patterns.

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## Choosing a Funding Package

Our various funded sessions are shown in the tables below and where children choose to access an Enhanced 'All-in' Offer, over and above the basic entitlement, there is an additional charge for these additional services. You are not obliged to take up the Enhanced 'All-in' Offer; you can access your funded hours for Nil Cost over the 38 weeks as detailed in the tables below, subject to availability. All additional hours and services outside the funded hours are charged for.

You can opt for one of the following packages:

- **Enhanced 'All-In' Package:** What's Included? Everything! At Little Dragon's Day Nursery, our Enhanced 'All-in' packages are fully inclusive of all extra daily hours, meals, snacks, consumables and enhanced activities as described above. We pride ourselves in providing that home from home feeling for every child in our care and making life as easy for you as parents as possible. Simply drop off and pick up your little ones and leave the rest to us! For families who prefer a simplified, fully inclusive package, we offer pre-priced 'All-In Packages' that bundles all services (consumables, enhanced activities, meals, additional hours) at a discounted rate as detailed in the tables below.
- **Build your own package:** Using the tables in the Schedule of Fees, choose from our session times and add daily extras: food, activities, consumables, hours as required. Gives parents full control over costs.

# **Little Dragon's Day Nursery Schedule of Fees - Autumn Term Starters**

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## **9 months – 4 years Working Parent Entitlement (30 hours) – Stretched Option**

## **Enhanced 'All In' Offer Autumn Term Funding Starters (September – August)**

- 30 funded hours per week x 38 funded weeks per year = 1140 hours
- 1140 / 51weeks = 22.35 Funded Hours per week available.

| Session                            | Care Pattern                       | Monthly Enhanced Provision Fee                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full Day<br>8am – 6pm              | 2 days                             | 10 Funded Hour/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £233.75/month                                                                                       |
|                                    | 3 days                             | 7.45 Funded Hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £575.03/month                                                                                    |
|                                    | 4 days                             | 5.59 Funded Hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £956.04/month                                                                                    |
|                                    | 5 days                             | 4.47 Funded Hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £1,285.63/month                                                                                  |
| Funded Hours<br>Only 22.5<br>hours | 1.15pm – 5.45pm<br>Monday - Friday | * 4.5 Funded Hours/day for 51 weeks/year @ £0.00<br>*Optional Additional Charges for 51 weeks/year @ £265.63/month<br>* £55 Refundable Registration Fee |

Please note that all Funded Hours are charged at Nil cost. The optional 'Enhanced 'All-in' Offer' detailed above covers the cost of any additional daily hours attended within the full 10 hour day, meals, snacks, consumables and Enhanced Activities (those above and beyond the Statutory offering) (see Additional Charges table for further details).

All Sessions attended outside of the agreed Funded Care Pattern will be charged as per our hourly rates for 40 hours +.

Please note that all new starters will be required to pay £100 Registration Fee to secure your place, with the exception of Funded Hours only places.

# Little Dragon's Day Nursery Schedule of Fees - Autumn Term Starters



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| <b>9 month – 4 Years Term Time Only (15 Funded Hours only)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Enhanced 'All In' Offer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 funded hours per week x 38 funded weeks per year = 570 hours</li> <li>570 / 38weeks = 15 Funded Hours per week available.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Care Pattern                 | Daily Enhanced Provision Fee                                                                                                                          |
| Full Day<br>8am – 6pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2 days                       | 7.5 Funded hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £271.70/month                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3 days                       | 5 Funded hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £553.85/month                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4 days                       | 3.75 Funded Hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £836.00/month                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5 days                       | 3 Funded Hours/day @ £0.00<br>Enhanced 'All-In' Fee £1,114.70/day                                                                                     |
| Funded Hours only<br>15hrs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1pm – 4pm<br>Monday - Friday | * 3 Funded Hours/day for 38 weeks/year @ £0.00<br>*Optional Additional Charges for 38 weeks/year @ £130.63/month<br>* £55 Refundable Registration Fee |
| Please note that all Funded Hours are charged at Nil cost. The optional 'Enhanced 'All-in' Offer' covers the cost of any additional daily hours attended within the full 10 hour day, meals, snacks, supplies and Enhanced Activities (see Additional Charges table for further details). Term Time only and Funded Hours only places are subject to availability.<br>All Sessions attended outside of the agreed Funded Care Pattern will be charged as per our hourly rates for 40 hours +. |                              |                                                                                                                                                       |
| Please note that all new starters will be required to pay £100 Registration Fee to secure your child's place, with the exception of Funded Hours only places.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |                                                                                                                                                       |