



FUNDING OPTIONS AT LITTLE BARN OWLS

A guide to help families understand the
funding options at LBO



GOVERNMENT FUNDING



How is Government Funding Applied Throughout the Year?

The government offers up to 30 funded hours per week, but to ensure year-round support, this funding is stretched over 51 weeks. This means families can claim up to 22 hours per week instead of 30, ensuring a consistent allocation of childcare hours across the full nursery year.

Who is Eligible for Funded Nursery Places?

- 9 months to 3 years: Eligible children can receive 11 funded hours per week if they meet government criteria.
- 3 to 5 years: Eligible children can receive 22 funded hours per week
- All 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to 11 hours per week, regardless of eligibility.

Changes from September 2025

- All children aged 9 months to 4 years can access up to 22 funded hours if parents meet eligibility criteria.
- Some 2-year-olds can receive 11 hours if parents claim certain benefits.
- All 3- and 4-year-olds continue to receive up to 11 hours, regardless of eligibility.

This expansion ensures more families have access to affordable early years education.

More information and eligibility guidance can be found at beststartinlife.gov.uk



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The government's Early Years Funding covers the delivery of the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). All children at Little Barn Owls receive the full EYFS curriculum and care.

Many families choose our enhanced package, which includes a wider range of enriched experiences and services beyond the EYFS requirements. These elements are not covered by the funded entitlement and therefore incur an Additional Services Charge.

Enhanced Nursery Package

This package includes all enriched experiences and services that form part of the Little Barn Owls approach, including meals, Forest School/Farm School, atelier provision, consumables and enhanced materials.

Funded-Only Option

Children accessing the funded-only option receive the full EYFS curriculum. Families may choose this option without purchasing additional enriched services. Optional extras may be available depending on the nursery site and programme.

At Little Barn Owls, we are committed to providing exceptional early years education, no matter which package you choose. Our nurturing environment, dedicated staff, and engaging curriculum ensure that every child thrives.

To learn more and choose the best option for your family, please get in touch with us today!

FULL PACKAGE

£26 per fully funded day

For families who want their child to experience the best of what our nursery has to offer, our Full Package would be the option for you!

Enrichment Provision

Give your child the gift of discovery and adventure! Our enhanced provision includes:

✓ Farm School

Hands-on experiences with animals, gardening, and learning about nature.



✓ Forest School

Outdoor exploration that builds confidence, resilience, and creativity.



✓ Atelier Sessions

Creative art and project-based learning that nurtures curiosity and expression.





✓ **Enhanced Learning Opportunities**

A curriculum that extends beyond The EYFS, fostering deeper engagement.

✓ **Enhanced Sensory Experiences**

Textured exploration, light play, and immersive environments.



✓ **Creative Digital Technology**

Access to cameras, scanners, digital microscopes, and interactive learning tools.



✓ **Baby Massage** A nurturing, calming experience for younger children.


✓ **Enhanced Creative Materials** Clay, wire, projections, loose parts play, and open-ended resources that spark imagination.





Free Family Events & Special Days

Build memories with your child through exclusive events designed for families, such as:

- ✓ **Fun Days & Graduation Days** – Celebrate milestones and achievements together.
 - ✓ **Stay & Play Sessions** – Engage in your child's learning environment.
 - ✓ **Parent Project Shares** – Experience the magic of what your child creates and learns.
 - ✓ **Mother's/Father's Day Celebrations** – Special events to honor parents and guardians.
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Food and Consumables

Your child's health and well-being are a top priority. The Full Package also covers:

- ✓ **Healthy Breakfast, Lunch, Tea, and Snacks** – Fresh, nutritious meals, designed by trained chefs and prepared daily.
- ✓ **Essential Consumables** – Including nappies, wipes, creams, sun cream, and other hygiene products.
- ✓ **High-Quality Resources** – Art supplies, learning materials, and sensory experiences.

EYFE ONLY PACKAGE



Our EYFE-only Package is covered entirely by government funding and allows families to use up to 11 or 22 hours of funded entitlement per week (15 or 30 hours spread across 51 weeks of the year).

This package includes:

- ✓ Standard Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision
- ✓ A safe and nurturing environment
- ✓ Engaging activities that support early development

This package does not include our LBO Enhanced Provision. EYFE-only bookings do not include:

- ✗ Meals, snacks, nappies, sun cream
- ✗ Farm School
- ✗ Forest School
- ✗ Atelier sessions with Artist in Residence
- ✗ Enriched provision (experiences beyond the EYFS - see Full Package details)
- ✗ Special Events and Ceremonies (Graduation, Parent Events, Seasonal Events)
- ✗ Project Shares / documentation for extended projects (beyond EYFS)

Optional extras may be available depending on the nursery site and programme.

Cost Breakdown of the Full Package

26 per fully funded day

The Full Package is carefully priced at £26 per fully funded day, covering all the additional benefits your child will receive:

Category	Cost per fully funded 10 hour day
Enhanced Provision - Farm School, Forest School, Atelier, specialist materials, project-based learning, baby sensory sessions, baby massage, specialist language /sign language sessions, expressive arts sessions.	Children under 3 years old £10.60 Children over 3 years old £13
Food - Freshly cooked, balanced and varied meals. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast: variety of breads, cereals, fruit with milk/water• Snacks: carbohydrate option and fresh fruit/vegetables with milk/water• Lunch: hot, home cooked meal• Tea: cold/lighter meal	£10.00
Consumables - Nappies, wipes, creams, sun cream, nappy sacks	Children under 3 years old £3.40 Children over 3 years old £1
Regular special days and family events	£2.00
Total	£26.00

EYFE-only details

The EYFE-only Package ensures quality early education, but does not provide the additional opportunities that enhance your child's learning journey.

Food is not included in the EYFE-only package, however, at a small additional surcharge of **£10 per day**, EYFE-only children can opt-in to the full **Meals Service** to cover all meals and snacks. We encourage parents to opt-in so that their children can benefit from freshly prepared, healthy food throughout the day (up to 3 meals and 3 snacks).

Families choosing to opt-out of the meal service must provide sufficient food for the full nursery day. All food coming into nursery must comply with our 'Meals from Home' Policy in order to mitigate risks to children in nursery with serious allergies.

Please contact admissions@littlebarnowls.co.uk if you want to book additional hours at nursery and we will advise you on our availability. Any additional hours which are not covered by EYFE must be paid for.

Parents will be required to provide all consumables daily, packed into the child's bag. This **MUST** include:

Sun cream

Nappies (where needed)

Wet wipes

Nappy sacks

Nappy creams

In the event of items being forgotten, 'Emergency Consumables Charges' will apply.

Extra-curricular trips/outings and activities are voluntary. If taken up, parents are responsible for covering some or all of the associated costs.

FUNDING PACKAGE COMPARISON



Little Barn Owls Forest and Farm School Nurseries offer two packages for parents claiming government funded hours.

As of April 2025, prospective families will be asked to opt for one of two funding packages.

Please see the comparison table below to find out which package works best for your family.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

	Full package	EYFE-only
Access to outdoor provision	✓	✓
Access to everyday continuous provision	✓	✓
Access to Forest School	✓	✗*
Access to Farm School	✓	✗
Trips and off-site activities	✓	✗*
Use of Atelier spaces with Atelieristas	✓	✗
Daily food service - inc. all meals and snacks	✓	✗**
Nappies, wipes, creams & disposables	✓	✗***
Special Events and Ceremonies	✓	✗

Spaces on the EYFE-Only Package will be allocated on a first come first served basis, prioritising those wishing to attend on both Monday and Friday.

*Off-site activities and trips will be charged accordingly

**Full Meal Service is available and we encourage families to opt-in to this for freshly-prepared healthy meals and snacks. Surcharges apply for the Meal Service.

***Disposable every day use items must be supplied by parents daily

Please be aware that, as per our Admissions Policy, Full Package bookings are prioritised over EYFE-Only bookings in the event of there being a waiting list

Why Choose the Full Package?

Investing in the Full Package means investing in your child's early years, ensuring they receive the richest experiences, deepest learning opportunities, and a fully immersive nursery journey. For just £26 per funded day, your child will thrive in an environment that supports their growth, development, and happiness.

Additional hours are available above the 22 funded hours, charged at our nursery hourly rate.

Please enquire for further information.

If you're unsure of which package is the best fit for you, please contact us:



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