

Little Blossoms Schedule of Fees

Under 2 Departments – Seedlings and Upper Seedlings

<i>Under 2's - 1:3 ratio</i>	Seedlings and Upper Seedlings
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£88
Half Day (8-1 or 1-6)	£58

Saplings – Big Todds

<i>2-3 Years - 1:4/1:5 ratio</i>	Saplings
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£85
Half Day (8-1 or 1-6)	£55

Pre-School Departments – Apples and Pears

<i>3-5 Years - 1:8 ratio</i>	Pippins Apples and Pippins Pears
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£75
Half Day (8-1 or 1-6)	£50

Emergency/ Additional hour - £10

After-school and Holiday Club

<i>After School - 1:10 ratio</i>	Orchard Explorers After-School Club
Pick up (From 3pm- Session finishes at 6pm) <i>Includes cooked tea</i>	£23.75

Currently we collect from the following school:

- Hanley Swan

<i>Holiday Club - 1:10 ratio</i>	Orchard Explorers Holiday Club
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£49.50
Half Day 8-1 or 1-6	£35

Please note: Children are not eligible to join our Holiday Club until they have started their reception year at School.

Nursery Education Funding

Little Blossoms accepts Early Years Funding towards providing a high-quality education for children aged 2 years and above from April 2024, and from September 2024 this will become available for children aged 9 months and over.

From April 2024:

Government funding of 15/30 hours is available for 38 weeks of the year.

From April 2024 Little Blossoms will be offering this on a stretched basis only, over 51 weeks instead of 38 weeks, in blocks of 5 or 10 hrs. Therefore, all new places offered at Little Blossoms from this time will be all year round.

The Universal offering (15) is available to all parents of 2, 3, and 4 year olds.

Children become eligible for this funding from the term after their 2nd Birthday and will be able to take their funding over a maximum of 2 days, these may be taken as 1 x 10hr or 2 x 5hr blocks on a spread basis.

The Additional 15 hours for working families (15) can be claimed for 3 and 4 year olds only, on top of the Universal offering (15) for eligible parents (please see below) enabling a total of (30) hours to be claimed, again delivered over 51 weeks. If your child is eligible for the additional 15 hours for working families, they will be able to take 20 hours per week over 51 weeks.

“To be eligible for 30 hours funded childcare, you and your partner must (or as a single parent, you alone must) expect to earn over the next 3 months, at least the equivalent of working 16 hours per week at the national minimum or living wage (depending on your age) unless an exception applies; and neither of you must have an individual adjusted net income exceeding £100,000 for the tax year.”

Additional Services charge

The Government funding covers the provision of education hours only. In order for us to be able to offer a full and all-rounded experience we have an additional services charge to cover all other aspects, meals, snacks, nappies and wipes, outdoor learning adventures including trips to the Farm, Debutots at Beechwood, Hey dee Ho music sessions, cookery and baking, consumables (paint and playdoh etc...) resources and where applicable increased staffing ratios.

2 year olds

At Little Blossoms, we have worked hard to ensure that we keep our additional services charge for 2-year-old funded children at just £2.00/hr, so £20.00 for a full day session (8-6) and £10.00 for a morning or afternoon session (8-1 or 1-6).

<i>2 year olds in receipt of funding – Additional services charge.</i>	Saplings – 1:4/5 ratio
Full Day (8am-6pm)	£20
Half Day 8-1 or 1-6	£10

3 – 4 year olds

Once your child moves up into one of the Pippins Pre-school departments, there are many more opportunities on offer, including regular Forest school, multi skills, and much more.

Whilst we always aim to offer continuity of care for your children, when your child reaches the age of 3 years, we will do our best to match the exact attendance pattern however this cannot always be guaranteed.

<i>3-4 year olds in receipt of funding Additional services charge.</i>	Pippins– 1:8 ratio
Full Day (8am-6pm)	<i>£25</i>
Half Day 8-1 or 1-6	<i>£12.50</i>

We have a limited number of funded-only places and days are subject to availability.

In order for any child 2 years to 4 years to claim funding, parents must complete the online Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Parent Declaration Funding form via Funding Loop.

Please see below for new 2 year funding Illustrative plans: (From April 2024)

2 Half days

<i>Attendance</i>	Your child will attend 8-1 or 1-6 for 2 sessions per week
Weekly Charge	<i>Additional services charge 2 sessions x £10</i>
	Total cost £20
For Comparison	<i>With no funding 2 x half days at £55</i>
	Total cost £110 <i>You save £90 per week (saving £4590 per year)</i>

2 Full days

<i>Attendance</i>	Your child will attend 8-6 for a minimum of 2 days per week
Weekly Charge	<i>Additional services charge - Day 1 Funded day = £20 Day 2 No funding = £85</i>
	Total Cost £105
For Comparison	<i>With no funding 2 x Full days at £85</i>
	Total cost £170 <i>You save £65 per week (saving £3,315 per year)</i>

Fee Terms & Conditions *(Effective from 1st April 2024)*

Registration Fees

£100 per Nursery child

£25 per After-School Club Child

Payment of your Registration fee guarantees your place and entitles you to our programme of settling visits as per our settling in policy. We are unable to save any places until the Registration fee has been paid. We always recommend children attend two settling visits as a minimum to allow them to familiarise themselves with their carers and surroundings, one for After-School club.

Fees

Nursery fees are payable for 51 weeks of the year, excluding bank holidays and a week at Christmas, which includes up to 1 training day closure and during all times the Clubs are open even where the school closes e.g. due to inclement weather. We obviously do not charge for Bank Holidays, and we cannot refund fee's if your child does not attend on their normal day. We will not charge fees if we close due to inclement weather. One month's notice is required for leaving or reducing sessions, or one month's fees in lieu of notice, and for children receiving grant funding one term's notice is required, as per the Local authority requirements. Children who move settings after the 3rd week of term will lose any remaining funded hours.

Allocation of Places

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis for further details please ask to see our admissions policy. Adopted, fostered, families in receipt of any benefits and LAC will take priority for our fully funded places, for further details please see our admission policy.

Snacks, Lunch & Refreshments

Breakfast (in Seedlings only), mid-morning and afternoon snacks, taster days and refreshments are included within the daily fees. Hot Lunches and Puddings, high-tea's are included where indicated.

Additional Hours

Where additional hours are required outside of session times, these will be booked at the emergency hour rate in the Schedule of Fees, a minimum of 1 hour is charged.

Late Collection/Non-booked hours

Where you are late in collecting your child from any session and you have not pre-booked additional hours then a fee of £5.00 per 5 minutes that will be charged.

Invoicing

Invoices are calculated each month and then emailed to parents. Please do let us know if you do not or cannot receive your invoice by email.

Late payment of fees charge

All fees are due by the 1st of every month, for that month. Where fees are not paid on time a **Late Payment Charge** of 10% of fees per child per month will be applied. This is detailed further in the Admission Form & Parental Agreement that you sign on allocation of your child's space. We pursue any debts with a strict policy that may result in exclusion if payments are not made on time.

Subject to our General Terms & Conditions as laid out in our Admission Form & Parental Agreement.