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Dear Families,

April 2025 Fee Review and Adjustments

As another year unfolds and we go through the process of our annual fee review, we are always grateful for your continued support and for the community we have created together.

We enjoy watching the growth and development of your little beans and we always strive to improve on their experience with us. It is important to us that, alongside delivering high-quality care, we continuously enhance and improve our provision. This includes investing in staff training, enriching resources, and offering a diverse range of daily activities such as: classes, creative arts and craft sessions, and other engaging experiences. We always consider our Little Beans' interests, next steps, and cultural capital, and in doing so we aim to ensure a varied and dynamic environment where each child enjoys a stimulating and enriching experience every day.

Each year, we review our fees to ensure we can continue delivering the best possible service. This year we will sustain rising operating costs (utilities, rent, food, insurance etc) as we do year on year in line with the prevailing inflation rates. However, in particular, this year we are facing some significant increases in staffing costs as a result of the changes to both employer National Insurance contributions and the minimum wage rates effective from April 2025. The National Living Wage (21 and over) will increase by 6.7%, the 18-20 Year old rate will increase by 16.3%; and the 16-17 Year old rate and Apprentice rates will see an increase of 18%.

These adjustments aim to address inflation and the rising cost of living, ensuring fair compensation for our team which we strongly support. However, nothing has been done to address the childcare funding gap in the UK. This is the shortfall between government funding for free childcare hours and the actual 'real world' costs incurred by childcare providers like Little Beans. This gap has widened with the increase in funded hours now available.

We understand that any increase in costs can be a concern, and we have carefully considered this adjustment to ensure it remains fair and reflects the true rising costs we face as a setting. These changes allow us to be sustainable and to continue attracting and retaining well trained and experienced staff, maintaining excellent resources, and upholding the high standards of care and learning that your little beans deserve.

Please see our new fee schedule set out below and which is effective from April 2025. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us. We sincerely appreciate your support and look forward to continuing working with you and your little beans.

Many thanks from

The Little Beans Garland Team



April 2025 - Fee Schedule

Session	Times	Fees
Day space – meals included	7.30am-5.30pm	£84.00 per day
Midi day - meals included (not available if under the age of 2)	8am-4pm	£73.00 per day
Mini day – meals included (not available if under the age of 2)	9am-3pm	£56.50 per day
Early start	7.30am-8am	£5.75 per session
Morning – including meals	8am-1pm	£47.85 per session
Afternoon – including meals	1pm-5:30pm	£42.00 per session
5 x day spaces – including meals	7:30am-5:30pm	£380.00 per week
Hourly fee	This is the hourly charge for children that are in receipt of funding for any hours that are outside of funded hours	£8.50 per hour
Hot Lunch	11:30am	£3.95
Light Tea	4pm	£3.45
Hourly consumables fee	For funded children only	£1.75 per funded hour

- **Settling in sessions** - no charge (number of settles depend on individual child).
- **Food** - Sessions are inclusive of breakfast and afternoon snacks. Hot lunch and light teas are included in session prices if you are not using funding. Families using funding are able to purchase hot lunches and teas at the additional cost listed above. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch/tea. Lunchbox suggestions are available upon request. If you require any information about allergens, please speak to a member of the team.
- **Minimum Session** – children must attend a minimum of 2 sessions a week.
- **Consumable fee** - We will apply a £1.75 consumable fee for every funded hour booked in with us. Please see further information in our T&Cs.
- **Notice to change or cancel** - We require one term's notice for changes to funded hour sessions and one month's notice for session changes for non-funded hours. This must be put in writing or via an email to thehub@littlebeansdaycare.com
- **Funding eligibility** - You must re-confirm your eligibility every term for the 15 or 30 hours funding and tax-free childcare. If not reconfirmed, we are unable to claim funding, so you will be charged for the sessions we are unable to claim funding for. If you require any advice, please speak to the Little Beans Office team.
- **Service periods** - We charge for 51 weeks for all year-round children, and 38 weeks for term time only children.
- **Admin** - If you require forms to be completed by the Little Beans office team, (e.g., benefit forms), then you must bring the letter in and leave it with us. We will endeavour to complete it within a 14-day period, and we will send it off on your behalf. To enable us to

do this, we will require you to bring in the freepost envelope, or a letter with the address and a stamp, or a charge of £2.50 will be charged

- **T&Cs** - Please also refer to our Terms and Conditions for further information.

Funding

Funding may be available to you - please speak to our office team for further information.

Longfleet church of England V.C. Combined School - Before and After school Clubs

Sessions	Times	Fees
Before school	8.00am to 8.45am Includes breakfast snack and walk to school	£5.00
After school	3.00pm to 5.30pm Includes school pick up and an afternoon meal	£10.00

Little Beans holiday club price list 2025

Session	Times	Fees
Day space	7.30am to 5.30pm	£30.00 per day (hot lunch included)
Mini Day	9:00am to 3:00pm	£25.00 per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each holiday club session includes a healthy snack and drink. • If you book a day space your child will receive a mid-morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack. • All fees are inclusive of food (as stated) and daily trips. • If you require any information about allergens, please speak to a member of the team. 		

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for details of payments terms.

We accept: -

- Childcare vouchers
- 9 months, 2, 3 and 4-year-old funding working family's entitlement
- 2-year-old funding
- Tax Free Childcare – using our Ofsted Registration

BCP Parent Declaration Form for Funding can be found on BCP website:
<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/documents/children-young-people-and-families/Parent-Declaration-Form.pdf>

For further information please do not hesitate to contact us.