Little Firs Day Nursery Fees September 2026 to August 2027.

Meals:
Parents can choose to opt out of our healthy cooked meals and provide packed food for their child of lunch and tea. If opting out of breakfast this must be given to the child before they come to nursery.

Meals are: Breakfast Lunch and Tea depending on the sessions you choose.
Please see overleaf for more details on providing meals for your child or Little Firs Nutrition and Mealtimes Policy for more details.

Working parents are entitled to 30 hours term time funding or 22.75 hours if attending all year round. You will need to apply to the Childcare service | Government Gateway: sign in or set up and they will send you a code. Please be aware that we will check the eligibility of the code through the eligibility tracker on Dorset Synergy. You must make a claim before the last day of the term for claiming funding the following term. You will also have to make sure that codes are reconfirmed every 3 months to avoid losing your eligibility.

All three- to four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hour funding the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents can choose to do just 15 hours and incur no costs.

Some parents may be eligible for 2 year funding (15 hours) if they meet certain criteria.

You can apply at https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/2-year-old-funding-application

Sessions for non-funded children or sessions over funded 15/30 hours are
£6.00 per hour per session for 3–4-year-olds
£7.77 per hour for 2–3-year-olds
£10.00 per hour for 0–2-year-olds
Our Sessions are:

7.30-12.15	With or without Breakfast and Lunch
8.00-12.15	With or without Breakfast and Lunch
8.30-11.30	No meals
8.30-12.15	With or without Lunch
12.30-3.30	No meals
8.30-3.30	With or without Lunch
7.30-3.30	With or without Breakfast and Lunch
8.00-3.30	With or without Breakfast and Lunch

Full Day Sessions

7.30-6pm	With or without Breakfast and Lunch and Tea
8.00-6pm	With or without Breakfast and Lunch and Tea
8.30-6pm	With or without Breakfast and Lunch and Tea

Please see our fee policy and Admin Policy

Home Provided Food:

- If parents choose to opt out of breakfast, then breakfast must be given to their child before they come to nursery.
- All home provided food must be healthy and follow the Food Standards Agency 'Eatwell Guide' and must ensure other children are not exposed to potential life-threatening allergens or choking hazards to your child or any other child.
- **Home provided food must not contain the following:**
    1. Nuts or nut products.
    2. Fizzy or sugary drinks
    3. Sweets or confectionary
    4. Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches.
    5. Chewing gum
    6. Sugared/toffee or salted popcorn.
    7. **Whole uncut round foods**: sausages, grapes, cherries, blueberries, strawberries, or cherry tomatoes as these are choking hazards.
- We provide milk and water to drink so there is no need to provided drinks for your child and they have access to clean drinking water throughout the day. Babies that are having formula/breast milk this must still be provided.
- Parents are responsible in providing appropriate food containers, so food items are stored securely and appropriately until mealtimes, and these must be clearly labelled.
- The nursery will provide facilities in the most convenient and appropriate place possible for home provided food. However, the nursery cannot provide cooled storage areas and therefore cannot take legal responsibility for foods prepared at home and then brought into nursery.
- The nursery will, within reason, send any uneaten packed food items back home. The rationale for this is that parents can monitor what their child has consumed during the day and then raise any concerns over their child's food intake with the nursery.
  If uneaten home provided food is left at nursery, they will be disposed of due to hygiene reasons.
- The nursery is unable to heat/ re-heat food at nursery for food hygiene purposes.
- Staff will encourage the children to eat their sandwiches etc first and food will not be used as a behaviour management tool, either as punishment or reward
- If you have worries or concerns around what your child will eat or would like advice, please speak to the nursery.
- OfSTED will report on how the nursery promotes the personal development and wellbeing of all children – this will include food provision including packed lunches brought into nursery.