



LEWESTON

NURSERY

Voluntary Payment Information

With effect from 1 April 2025, the additional charges that we make for 'food and funding' must become voluntary, meaning that you can 'opt out' of paying them.

At Leweston Nursery this will mean you can choose to attend on a 'funded-only' basis, meaning that you opt out of the additional voluntary charge per hour for consumables and extras.

It is important to note that the amount of government funding provided does not enable us to run Leweston Nursery in its current format. We are forced to charge an additional amount for consumables to ensure that we can continue to offer an outstanding provision. Without the continued payment of this, now voluntary, top-up, we would be forced to either reduce the quality of our offering, or increase the fees for non-funded hours.

Under 2s

At the moment, all children under 2 pay no extra for any hours as the government fund this at the same rate that an hour costs. We pass this straight on to parents so you can benefit from over a year of 15 hours totally free attendance at Nursery. This will increase from September 2025 to 30 hours of completely free attendance.

2-3 year olds

The voluntary additional charge for children on the 2-3 year old funding is 33p per hour for those on an all-year-round contract and £1 per hour for those on a term-time only contract.

If you opt out of this voluntary payment, we will need you to provide;

Daily packed lunch, packed tea and 2 x snacks for your child

Cookery ingredients for your child – 1 x per fortnight

1 x glue stick, 1 x set of colouring pencils, 1 x ream of A4 paper, 3 x baby wipes termly

Your child will not be able to take part in any enhanced activities, such as sports in the sports hall or special events. This is because the government funding covers basic care only. We will arrange for your child to join another age group when these activities take place.

3-4 year olds

The voluntary additional charge for children on the 3-4 year old funding is £2.40 per hour for those on an all-year-round contract and £3.05 per hour for those on a term-time only contract. This is higher as the amount the government fund reduces substantially, yet the number of 'extras' we provide increase considerably.

If you opt out of this voluntary charge, we will need you to provide:

Daily packed lunch, packed tea and 2 x snacks for your child

Cookery ingredients for your child – 1 x per fortnight

1 x glue stick, 1 x set of colouring pencils, 1 x ream of A4 paper, 3 x baby wipes termly

Your child will only be able to access basic care, so will be unable to attend the following extra provisions (we will accommodate your child with another age group during these times):

Forest School

French and Spanish

PE sessions

Swimming lessons

Music

If you wish for your child to have the voluntary 'food funding charge' removed from their account with effect from 1 April 2025, please do let us know.