

Little Acorns Day Nursery  
Parent Contract

1) HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

We will be closed on all Statutory Holidays and three Staff Training days per year which are all chargeable however we are also closed for the three days between Christmas and New Year and these are not charged

2) MONTHLY FEES

Monthly fees include all sick days, statutory holidays and holidays taken as these are paid days. Fees are based on booked days not attendance. Refunds and credits will not be given for days where your child does not attend due to sickness or holiday. We do not allow swapping of days unless it is permanent and there is availability. Extra hours are billed at the session rate or hourly rate

Full Time: (5 days per week)

Up to 24 Months £290 per week all day or £157.50 for am or pm sessions every day

24 Months to 5 Years £200 per week all day or £115.00 for am or pm sessions every day

10% discount for second child whilst both children attend

Note: A full day rate will be charged for holidays/training days BUT NOT THE THREE DAYS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Part-time and additional sessions(less than 5 days per week)

Up to 24 Months £58 per day or £31.50 per am or pm session

24 Months to 5 Years £40 per day or £23 per am or pm session

3) NEG FUNDING AND OTHER FUNDERS

Parents who qualify for NEG funding will have this amount deducted from the invoice. Any funding from colleges must be in place prior to attendance. All tax efficient funding from your company will not be deducted from the invoice; it is up to the parent/carer to deduct this. Any fees not covered by a subsidy are the parents' responsibility and are payable on the first of each month in advance. All subsidised payments must also be paid by the first of each month in advance.

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### 4) PAYMENT POLICY

Parents agree that all monthly fees (full time and part time attendance) will be paid on the first of each month. Additional sessions will be invoiced around the middle of each month and will be collected for payment with the normal monthly fees. Unpaid fees are subject to a 10% surcharge each full week over. Unpaid fees may result in immediate suspension or termination of care unless reasonable arrangements are made and accepted by both parties. Extra hours are billed at the session rate or hourly rate. Parents are requested to make payments by standing order. Any payments by cheque will be subject to a charge of £5 per cheque except for the Registration Fee, Deposit and first month's fees.

Full time and part time fees are based on booked days, not attendance, therefore parents are responsible for fees whether child attends or not. (This includes sick days, statutory holidays and holidays booked.)

### 5) ILLNESS POLICY

Please advise the nursery prior to 8:00 am if a child will not be attending due to illness. Parents agree that a child who is ill (e.g. fever, infection, diarrhoea, communicable disease, or any other type of illness that may be passed on to others, with the exception of the common cold) will be kept at home to protect the well-being of the staff and other children in my care. The parents further agree should a child become ill while in our care, that immediate arrangements will be made to remove the child from the nursery. Children will not be allowed to return to nursery until they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours for a fever and 48 hours for sickness or diarrhoea. In some cases, a note from a doctor may be necessary. By signing this contract you are agreeing to staff seeking any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment during their time at Little Acorns.

### 6) LATE ARRIVAL/PICKUP POLICY

Please advise the nursery immediately if you will be arriving later than the pre-arranged time to pick up your child. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that children are picked up no later than 6:15 p.m. If you are not able to pick up your child by 6:15 p.m. alternate arrangements must be made.

Please notify the nursery if an unauthorised person will be picking up your child. Verbal or written permission must be received before we will release a child to anyone who is not authorised on the registration form. They must bring photographic I.D. plus a photograph to be kept on file and a password will be used.

In the event that a parent cannot be contacted, it is the policy of Little Acorns Day Nursery to call an emergency contact should a child remain in care after 6:15pm.

A late fee of £25.00 per hour (or any portion of an hour) per child will apply if a child remains in care after 6:15 p.m. regularly, unless prior arrangements have been made.

## 7) TERMINATION

Little Acorns Day Nursery reserves the right to suspend or terminate care of any child without notice, should it be deemed necessary for the overall safety and well-being of my family and/or other children in my care.

## 8) WITHDRAWAL

Parents agree that a minimum notice of one full month (notice to given in writing) will be given for permanent withdrawal of, or reducing hours of any child from care or agree to pay one month's fee in lieu. The responsibility is of the parents to ensure that the notice has been received by the office. No exceptions will be made. Children are presumed to be leaving 31st August after the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. No place will be guaranteed after this time unless signed agreement with the Manager

## 9) POTTY TRAINING

We will work in conjunction with parents during potty training. If you have a method that has been working for you, please let us know and we will adopt it for your child. Should you discontinue potty training at home, please let us know. If a child shows no interest in potty training, we will discuss this with you and probably choose to discontinue and try again at a later date.

## 10) DEPOSIT/REGISTRATION

A non-refundable registration fee of £40 (per child) is required upon completion of registration to secure your child's placement in care. This deposit is non-refundable. A fees deposit will be charged at £300 once a place has been confirmed. This is refunded once the child has been withdrawn with all necessary notices given and all fees paid to date. If the child's place is cancelled before starting only 50% of the £300 will be refunded regardless of notice given. Once a starting date has been finalised a request to extend it can be submitted in writing however only up to 2 weeks later. **All notices have to be written.** Spaces will not be held unless the deposit fee is paid in full.

## 11) Health & Safety

The name of the designated Health & Safety Officer is on the main notice board. Any health & safety queries please forward them to her or the Manager. We would ask all parents to make sure gates and doors are closed when entering or leaving the building and that they are mindful of little fingers. If the nursery has to close due to any health and health & safety

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and illness reasons including bad weather, fees will still be due to be paid during the period closed.

Registration is not complete, and care will not commence until all the paper work is completed. Prior to the start date of care the following must be received by us for each child:

- \* Registration Form
- \* Immunization sheet
- \* My Routine Sheet
- \* Parent Contract
- \* Non-Refundable Registration Fee
- \* Refundable Deposit
- \* Authorisation from college or employer of subsidised place if appropriate

13) I have been given a copy of the Little Acorns Child Protection Policy & all relevant information has been explained to me & I/we understand the procedures.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

14) By signing this Contract you are agreeing to all Little Acorns Day Nursery policies and procedures. If you have not yet read them please see the website or ask at the office for.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree with the above statements. NAME PRINTED

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Parent/guardian Signature Parent/guardian Signature

Note: If child in custody of both parents then two signatures are required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature on behalf of Little Acorns Day Nursery NAME PRINTED

Date \_\_\_\_\_