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Early Education Funding at Little Edenhurst

At Edenhurst, from January 2026 we will be offering the following entitlements:

Universal Hours

All children from the term after they turn 9 months, including children who move to England from another country, become eligible for the universal 570 hours stretched across the year of EEF, regardless of their financial circumstances. The dates for when a child could become eligible for the Universal Hours are as follows:

- Child turns 9 months between 1st January and 31st March could be eligible from 1st April.
- Child turns 9 months between 1st April and 31st August could be eligible from 1st September.
- Child turns 9 months between 1st September and 31st December could be eligible from 1st January.

Extended Entitlement

Some families may be entitled to an additional 570 hours of funding if they meet the eligibility criteria. Parents must apply via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to gain an eligibility code. The Nursery cannot do this for you.

At Little Edenhurst, we will only be offering this to children from 9 months old who attend the nursery for a minimum of 3 days a week.

Pattern of Delivery

Little Edenhurst's service model provides full-day options only; we do not offer half-day sessions. Children are required to attend a minimum of two days a week up until they join Kindergarten when it is expected to increase to a minimum of three sessions. This way, they get the most out of the learning and activities we offer.

EEF funding will be stretched over 50 weeks of the year which equates to 11.4 hours per week (15 hours) or 22.8 hours (30 hours). These sessions can be accessed as follows:

Day	Opening Hours	Times EEF will be allocated
Monday - Friday 11.4 hours	7:30am - 6:00pm	2 days: 4 hours 1 day: 3.4 hours
Monday - Friday 22.8 hours	7:30am - 6:00pm	2 days: 8 hours 1 day: 6.8 hours

If your child misses EEF sessions due to illness, holidays or any planned or unplanned absence, these hours will not be available at a later date.

Consumables

Government funding does not cover the cost of food services. At Little Edenhurst our onsite cook prepares fresh meals for which there is an additional daily charge. This includes breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Parents/carers are free to provide their own food. However, please be aware that food must adhere to Little Edenhurst's healthy eating and allergy policy.

Parents/carers are required to provide nappies, wipes and milk/formula for their child.

Please note: If children attend their session without sufficient consumables (or food items that do not adhere to our policy), then these will be provided by Little Edenhurst at an additional cost to the parent/carer).

Registration/Administration fees

Upon registering your child with Little Edenhurst, we ask for a non-refundable registration fee of £75.00. Please note that for children accessing EEF only, there is a refundable deposit of £75. No child is guaranteed a place until the written contract has been completed and signed.