THE WEBBER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Early Year Funding Entitlement Policy 2026/2027

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What is Early Years Funded Entitlement?

For 3 and 4 year olds

- All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to access up to 15 hours Universal Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) a week (up to a maximum of 570 hours per year)

- Parents of some 3 – 4 year olds will be able to access an additional 15 hours of working families entitlement (up to a maximum of 570 hours per year)

For 2 year olds:

- Some 2 year olds can access a maximum of 15 hours of EYFE per week (or up to 570 hours per year) if their families meet specific criteria under the Local Authority (LA) Issued Free Childcare for 2 year olds.

- From September 2025 the entitlement for eligible working parents for children of 2 years old has been extended to 30 hours

For 9 months up to 2-year-olds

- From September 2025 the entitlement for eligible working parents for children 9 months to 2 years old has been extended to 30 hours

See the tables below for information on when children become age eligible for the various entitlements:

A child born on or between:	Will be of eligible age for the 9 month old EYFE* from the start of term beginning in:
1 April and 30 June	April after turning 9 months old
1 July and 30 November	September after turning 9 months old
1 December and 31	January after turning 9 months old

A child born on or between:	Will become eligible for 2 year old EYFE for Working Families* or 2 year old LA Issued EYFE** from the start of term beginning in:	Will become eligible for Universal EYFE for 3 and 4 year olds and Extended EYFE for 3 and 4 year olds* from the start of term beginning in:
1 January and 31 March	April following their second birthday*	April following their third birthday
1 April and 31 August	September following their second birthday*	September following their third birthday
1 September and 31 December	January following their second birthday*	January following their third birthday

*Subject to approval of application at childcarechoices.gov.uk

**Subject to approval by their Local Authority.

You can find out more about the above entitlements, including eligibility criteria and how to apply (if required) by visiting HERE

Funded places and waitlist

A waitlist will be kept of any children who would like a funded place, with priority of places offered in the following order:

1. Siblings of existing pupils
2. Non-siblings, who are registered to attend
3. Children of Alumni
4. Non-siblings, who wish to attend another school setting for Reception.
5. Full Time children
6. Children who are attending for the whole all day sessions

No child is guaranteed a place until the written contract has been completed and signed by all parties. Further, an Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) place is not guaranteed until completion of the Parental Contract for the Early Years Free Entitlement Form.

We ask for parents/carers to let us know as soon as possible if a place is no longer required prior to the child's scheduled start date. If a pupil for whom a vacancy has been reserved, is withdrawn before the agreed starting date, the deposit will be forfeited.

All admissions to the setting will ensure fair access to educational opportunity for all and will comply with all equalities legislation.

Early Years Funded Entitlement at Little Webber

Little Webber is registered with Milton Keynes City Council to provide Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) hours under the following schemes:

- Universal EYFE for 3 and 4 year olds
- LA Issued EYFE for 2 year olds
- EYFE for 2 year olds under the Working Families Entitlement
- EYFE for 9 months and older under the Working Families Entitlement

Parents/carers are advised to retain a copy of this policy for future reference and to review it in conjunction with our Fees Policy.

Pattern of delivery

At Little Webber, children can access their Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) in the following pattern:

Day	Opening Hours	Times EYFE can be accessed	Maximum number of EYFE hours that can be claimed per day for children eligible for up to 15 hours	Maximum number of EYFE hours that can be claimed per day for children eligible for up to 30 hours (3 and 4 year olds only)
Monday	7.30-18.00	7:30 - 13:00	5.5	5.5

Tuesday	7.30-18.00	7:30 - 13:00	5.5	5.5
Wednesday	7.30-18.00	7.30 - 13:00	5.5	5.5
Thursday	7.30-18.00	7.30 - 13:00	5.5	5.5
Friday	7.30-18.00	7.30 - 13:00	5.5	5.5
Saturday and Sunday	Closed			

Little Webber offers EYFE for 51 weeks per year and is open 51 weeks per year. To ensure fairness and consistency, funded hours are allocated on a pro-rata basis according to the number of days your child attends. The total funded entitlement is spread evenly across 5 days, and the applicable funded hours are then applied proportionally to your child's attendance pattern.

Stretch-funding

At Little Webber we offer Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) over 51 weeks per year. Children accessing over 51 weeks will be able to stretch their funding across the additional weeks of attendance at a lower number of hours claimed per week. Little Webber does not offer EYFE over 38 weeks, commonly referred to as "term time only". The funding which we offer at Little Webber Nursery is prorated, depending on the child's attendance pattern.

Children eligible:

- for up to 15 hours per week can access up to 570 hours per year. At Little Webber we stretch this to 11.17 hours of funding a week over 51 weeks a year
- For up to 30 hours per week can access up to 1140 hours per year. At Little Webber we stretch this to 22.5 hours of funding a week over 51 weeks a year.

Accessing Early Years Funded Entitlement at Little Webber

The provision of Early Years Funded Entitlement (EYFE) includes the delivery of early years education and childcare, and we deliver this in line with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Parents/carers will be required to complete a Parental Contract for the Early Years Free Entitlement Form before they begin accessing their EYFE sessions at Little Webber. A new copy will need to be completed if your personal details or your child's EYFE hours change. Children are required to attend their EYFE sessions prior to and at headcount for Little Webber to claim EYFE funding from Milton Keynes City Council for them.

Little Webber's recommended provision model is that children attend two days a week minimum. This way, they get the most out of the learning and activities we offer, and we can be more flexible in planning the day to meet their needs.

Should you choose to withdraw your child, Little Webber requires one month's notice for paid hours. Notice periods are inclusive of holidays and periods of closure.

If your child misses EYFE sessions due to illness, holidays or any planned or unplanned absence, these hours will not be available at a later date. If Little Webber is unexpectedly closed during your child's regularly scheduled EYFE sessions, due to illness or other unforeseen reason, Little Webber will offer these hours at an alternative time subject to availability and where reasonable.

Registration/Administration fees

Upon registering your child with Little Webber, we ask for a Registration/Administration fee of £50.00.

Deposits

We charge a deposit of £50.00 upon registration. This will be refunded against your first Little Webber bill.

Additional Services

Little Webber provides extra-services for the most effective provision and support of all children. Government funding does not pay for all the things that make Little Webber a special place. From our outside environments, on-site chefs who prepare freshly cooked meals, as well as our Education specialists teaching subjects.

Additional service charges include charges for

- Food services, such as tea and snacks.
- Daily consumables.
- Education specialists teaching subjects.

Parents are free to provide their own food and consumables instead, and none of the above services must be provided as a condition of your child accessing their EYFE place. If you wish to provide your own, please be aware that: food must adhere to Little Webber's healthy eating and allergy policy if children attend their EYFE session

without sufficient food or consumables (i.e food that does not adhere to our policy), then these will be provided by Little Webber at a cost to the parent.

For more information on charges for additional hours and services, please see our fee policy.

For children that are attending for the full day and in receipt of the 2, 3 & 4 yrs. EYFE funding, parents have the option to pay for the additional services. You will be asked when you begin to use funding at Little Webber which option you would like to have in place. If at any point you would like to change your mind please provide us 4 weeks' notice of the change. This will then take effect from the beginning of the next clear calendar month.

Please see below the charges per day for additional services for children who are accessing the 3 & 4 year old EYFE funding hours.

Universal EYFE for 3 and 4 year olds

Additional services *	**Hourly rate for funded hours only**
Food and consumables	1.00
Specialist education	1.00
Combined cost per hour for additional services	2.00

*Charges for additional services between September 2025 & April 2026

Support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Little Webber is welcoming of all children and will work with parents and carers to ensure the needs of their children are met. This is established during a pre-entry meeting. To best support your child, Little Webber will assess their needs during their Taster Sessions and will consult with you about any needs you or Little Webber identify.

Targeted Setting Support

Should any additional needs be identified, support may be available from Milton Keynes Local Authority via Targeted Setting Support. Little Webber will consult with parents and carers before seeking this support.