



Ladybirds Pricing Policy September 2024

Session costs.

Ladybirds' opening hours are 9am–3pm. Our days are split into morning and afternoon sessions.

Morning sessions run from 9am–12pm and afternoon sessions run from 12pm–3pm. Lunch time is from 12pm–12.30pm and can be booked in addition to a morning session. Here are our fees for sessions that are not covered by funding:

- £20.00 per session

- £3.30 per Lunch time

Payment of fees

Fees are payable for all sessions booked regardless of attendance. Invoices are issued on Parent Pay on a monthly basis and payable in advance.

Please speak to the Pre-School Manager or our Administrator if you ever anticipate your payment being late or delayed.

Illness/absence (for all children)

To prevent the spread of illness, any child suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea must be kept at home until clear of symptoms for a minimum period of 48 hours. Fees are payable during the period of sickness absence, although long-term illness may be able to be negotiated, dependent on circumstances. Parents must phone the pre-school if their child is going to be absent even if you do not pay fees.

Notice of termination of contract

Four weeks' notice is required in writing prior to your child leaving the pre-school. Fees must be paid for the notice period even if your child does not attend the pre-school.

Change of sessions

If you would like to change your hours you can talk to the Pre-School Manager to discuss availability of sessions. We will always try to support families where we can, however, it may not always be possible to change hours due to the restrictions we have on the number of children we can have in Ladybirds at one time.

Late pick up

Late pick up will result in a charge of £6.60 for every 15 minutes.

Help with childcare costs

Working Tax Credit and Universal credit Working Tax Credit and Universal Credit are paid to people in work to top up low wages. This includes earnings from employment and earnings if you are self-employed.

Disability Access Fund

If your child is three or four years' old and receives free childcare, and is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, you can apply for your childcare provider to receive a small amount of funding through the Disability Access Fund (£615 per year). This is to help your childcare provider make reasonable adjustments at their setting to improve your child's access.



Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is the main source of financial support available for the additional costs faced by disabled children. Your child may qualify for DLA if they have a physical disability and/or SEN, and require more help or supervision, than other children of the same age.

Tax free childcare You can get up to £500 every three months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider via an online account.

Early education funding

EYPP funding (Early Years Pupil Premium) If you meet certain criteria and your three or four year old child has started the Nursery Education Funding Entitlement the nursery may be able to claim additional funding to support your child's learning and development.

Three and four-year-old funding

All three and four year-olds can receive 15 hours of free childcare a week for 38 weeks a year (570 hours in total) until the child starts reception year at school. This funding is available to you the term following your child's 3rd birthday.

Extended entitlement (30 hrs funding)

Some three- and four-year olds may also be entitled to an additional 15 hours of free childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year (making 30 hours per week). You can check your eligibility by going on the Childcare Choices government website. Once you have submitted your personal information you will be told straightaway and if eligible your 11 digit code will start with 500.....

You will need to take the code to Ladybirds along with your National Insurance number and your child's date of birth to secure your extended entitlement place. The preschool will check the code with Warwickshire County Council to confirm your eligibility. Every three months, you will need to reconfirm that your child is still eligible. HMRC will email you directly.

How will funding affect my invoice?

We can discuss individual requirements for sessions so that you get the childcare that is suitable for your family. If you would like your child to attend more than 15 hours a week but you are not eligible for the extended hours, then we can invoice through ParentPay using the hourly rates as above. Useful websites <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families> <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>