



Growing and Learning Together

Little Jesters EYE Policy 2026

Early Years Entitlements

We offer government funded childcare for children from the term after the child reaches the age of eligibility (2 years to school age).

Parents/guardians will need to complete the provided Parent Declaration form to allow Little Jesters to claim payment for the funded hours from the local authority. Parents will also be required to provide evidence of the child's date of birth at registration.

By enrolling at Little Jesters, you are agreeing to our Policies, terms and conditions and will complete any required paperwork that is required for Lincolnshire County Council to claim your government funded childcare. Admission to the setting is on a first come first served basis subject to availability.

Funded Sessions

Funded sessions are available between 9.00 – 3.30 Monday to Thursday and 9.30 – 1.00 Fridays

You will be entitled to 570 hours of funded childcare per academic year (or 1140 subject to eligibility for working parent entitlements). Funding is applied to hours at the beginning of the week.

Funded childcare can be taken using either delivery model:

- Standard universal funding provides 15 (or 30) hours over 38 weeks this is normally term time only.
- Stretched funding provides 11.4 hours (or 22.8) hours per week over 50 weeks, to cover some school holidays. **Little Jesters is a term time only, pre school setting, so is not able to accommodate children during the school holidays.**

Working Parent Entitlements (from 2 years to school age)

It is the parent's responsibility to obtain (and renew) their eligibility code by the deadline each term. If you are no longer eligible for funded childcare due to a change in circumstances or failure to renew your code, childcare will be charged at the settings private rate. Children cannot start to access their funded childcare or change providers with an expired working parent code. Parents should visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk for support.

Absence

Sessions cannot be swapped due to holidays or sickness for sessions. In the event that the setting is closed (not with agreed closures), alternative dates will be given to provide the funded hours. Children must be in regular attendance to continue to access their government funded childcare. Parents must notify Little Jesters for the reason of absence for any pre-booked session.

Notice period

To change or terminate your childcare place, Little Jesters require 1 month's notice. This must be received in writing or via email. If you change providers, funding will be transferred at the end of the notice period.

Fee Structure

Additional services may be purchased

Non - Funded Childcare: additional hours used outside the funded hours will be charged at Little Jesters usual hourly rate of £7.50

Food charges: Cooked Lunch are available through Faldingworth Primary school supplier. These can be booked directly through the supplier www.goodlookincookin.co.uk and paid directly to the supplier.

Snacks (am & pm) are available to purchase at the rate of £10.00 per month. Parents can provide their own food if preferable.

The purchase of additional extras is not a condition of accessing funded entitlements.