



Blackburne House Nursery

Fees & Funding Policy 26/27

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1. Purpose

This policy outlines the fee structure, government funding entitlements, and additional costs associated with childcare provision at Blackburne House Nursery. It ensures transparency and helps parents understand their financial commitments.

2. Enrichment Provision

Blackburne House Nursery provides a high-quality, enriched environment for children, which includes:

- **Meals & Snacks:** Healthy, balanced, meat-free, and non-GM meals prepared on-site daily.
- **Activities & Enhancements:** Including nature walks, Spanish lessons, sports, global celebrations, and educational outings.
- **Sessions** are a full day 8.00am-6.00pm, morning session 8.00am-1.00pm and an afternoon session which is 1.00pm-6.00pm.

Charges for meals and snacks, non-food consumables and optional additional activities are voluntary. Parents may choose each category separately or decline all optional charges.

Declining these charges will not change a child's agreed funded days or session times, or the quality of care and education they receive.

Please see our Enrichment Provision Opt-Out Policy for details of how to record your choices and the alternatives available.

See our BH Enrichment Provision Opt-out policy for more information.

3. Government Funding

Blackburne House Nursery offers the following government-funded childcare entitlements:

- **Eligible working parents:** up to 30 hours per week for children from 9 months old, subject to eligibility and the relevant term start date.
- **Eligible two-year-olds:** up to 15 hours per week through Early Years Funding for 2-year-olds, subject to eligibility.
- **All three- and four-year-olds:** up to 15 hours per week through the universal entitlement, regardless of parents' working status, from the term after the child's third birthday.

These entitlements are based on 38 weeks per year. Blackburne House Nursery offers stretched funding as explained in Section 4.

Funded hours are free of charge. The Nursery will confirm each child's entitlement, funding start date and agreed attendance pattern with parents before the funded place begins.

4. Stretched Funding Model

To accommodate year-round care (51 weeks/year), funded hours are stretched:

- 15 funded hours → 11 hours/week over 51 weeks
- 30 funded hours → 22 hours/week over 51 weeks

Additional hours beyond the weekly allowance will be billed monthly and shown on your monthly invoice.

5. Additional Costs

Charges for meals and snacks, non-food consumables and additional activities are voluntary.

Parents may choose which categories they wish to pay for. For example, parents may choose to pay for meals and snacks but decline charges for non-food consumables or activities.

Please speak to a Nursery Manager to record your choices and agree the alternatives for any items you decline.

The table below is a breakdown of what the costs above are made up of:

Charge Title	Voluntary Charge	Cost
Meals & Snacks	• AM snack • Lunch • PM snack	£5-7.50 per day
Daily Care Essential	• Baby wipes • Sun Cream • Emergency medication i.e. Calpol • Nappy disposal • Nappy sacks	£2 per day
Extra Curricular Activities	• Spanish lessons • Yoga • Gardening club • Dance club • Music club • Intergenerational visits • Emergency services introduction events • Exciting outings and trips to the local area	£1.50 per day

Daily rate for all parents = £68 per day

Half day rate for all parents = £34.00 per day

Late Collection fee = £10 every 5 minutes

See the Optional Charges for Parents policy for more information.

6. Deposits

A deposit of £50 is required to secure a place at Blackburne House Nursery. Deposit arrangements are applied consistently across all funded entitlement routes, regardless of parents' working status.

For funded-only places, the deposit will be refunded in full within six weeks of the child's start date.

For places that include privately paid childcare, the deposit will be returned when the child leaves the setting.

The Nursery may retain the deposit if a parent does not take up the agreed place. These arrangements will be explained to parents in writing before the deposit is paid.

7. Payment & Support

Monthly billing helps parents manage payments.

Invoices are raised via the Famly app and payments can be made via the app using a debit/credit card, or via a bank transfer where bank details

If you experience difficulty paying, please speak with a Nursery Manager for support and guidance.

8. Contact Information

For further details or assistance:

Email: nursery1@blackburnehouse.co.uk

Website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

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