



# Enrichment Provision Opt-Out Policy

## **Introduction**

At Blackburne House Nursery, we are committed to offering high-quality childcare that meets the diverse needs of our families. We understand that some parents may prefer to access only the free childcare offer provided through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) without opting into our Enrichment Provision. This policy clearly outlines what it means for parents who choose to opt out of paying for the Enrichment Provision and access only the free childcare.

This policy is:

### **1. Free Childcare Provision**

If parents choose to opt out of the Enrichment Provision, their child will access only the free funded EYFS provision. This means the child will receive:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum delivery documented on the Family app
- Essential care and education as required by the statutory EYFS framework

### **2. Meals**

Children whose parents opt out will be required to bring their own meals to the setting. These meals must adhere to the strict list of acceptable foods provided by us. This list has been carefully curated to meet health and safety guidelines. Parents will be given this list upon opting out. Please see Packed Lunch policy. Failure to provide food in line with our restrictions may result in a £10 charge. Please see our Fees and funding policy for more information.

### **3. Trips and Outings**

Children who opt out of the Enrichment Provision may not be able to participate in trips or outings organised by the nursery, as these activities are included within the Enrichment Provision package. If a trip is scheduled on a day when a child who has opted out is attending, we will do our best to accommodate them in another room. Alternatively, parents may be asked to adjust their child's attendance for that week to ensure a smooth experience for all.

### **4. Extra-Curricular Activities**

Children who opt out may not have access to any extra-curricular activities, including but not limited to clubs, workshops, or enrichment opportunities. If an activity is scheduled on a day when a child who has opted out is attending, we will do our best to accommodate them in another room. Alternatively, parents may be asked to adjust their child's attendance for that week to ensure a smooth experience for all.



Extra-curricular activities include:

- Spanish Language sessions
- Gardening club
- Baking club
- Yoga sessions
- Dance sessions
- Music sessions
- Intergenerational sessions
- Emergency services Introduction events
- Exciting Outings and Trips in the local area

## **5. Parties and Annual Celebrations**

Children who opt out of the Enrichment Provision may not be able to participate in any parties, seasonal celebrations, or special events organized by the setting. This includes holiday-themed events, graduation ceremonies, and more.

## **6. Sun Cream and Nappy Cream**

As part of our duty of care, we typically apply sun cream and nappy cream as necessary to children in our care. However, children whose parents opt out of the Enrichment Provision may not have these supplied by staff. Parents will need to provide their own sun cream or nappy cream, which must be clearly labelled and brought to the setting daily as we do not have space to store individual bottles. Failure to provide suncream or nappy cream may result in a £10 charge for non-food consumables.

## **7. Family online learning journey and link to Enrichment Provision**

We use the Family online learning journey to keep families connected with nursery life and to monitor each child's development. This platform requires investment in software subscriptions, appropriate hardware, and staff time to ensure each child's profile is regularly updated and maintained.

Families who choose not to participate in the Enrichment Provision will still have access to the core EYFS online learning journey. While this version offers fewer updates, we remain committed to keeping parents informed through regular verbal communication. Additionally, we will continue to complete all statutory documentation, including the two-year progress check, as well as essential operational paperwork such as transition and school reports.

## **8. Communication and Agreement**

By opting out of the Enrichment Provision, parents acknowledge that they fully understand the implications outlined in this policy. Parents must communicate in writing their wish to opt-out of Enrichment Provision, at least **one month's notice** prior to the start of the next term. We want to ensure that all children at Blackburne House Nursery receive the best care and education, and we respect the choices made by parents regarding their child's participation in our Enrichment Provision.



## 9. Necessary equipment

Children will need to be fully equipped to take part in nursery activities. Parents must ensure that they provide the following:

- a spare set of wellies,
- a waterproof suit, hat, gloves and a sun hat.

These must all be kept on site and labelled clearly with child's name, for daily use. Other items needed for daily use are itemised in point 6.

## 10. Changes to the Policy

We reserve the right to amend this policy as needed, in line with changes to statutory guidelines or internal practices. Parents will be notified of any changes in writing.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or wish to discuss your child's individual needs, please feel free to contact our management team.

This policy ensures transparency and clarity for all parents considering opting out of the Enrichment Provision, while also maintaining high standards of care and compliance with statutory regulations.

**Note:** If you have read this policy and the policy on Optional Charges for Parents (including FAQs), and you still wish to opt out, please request an opt-out form from the nursery managers.



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