



Enrichment Provision Opt-Out Policy

Introduction

Blackburne House Nursery provides high-quality childcare that meets the needs of our children and families.

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.

This policy explains the alternatives available when parents decline these charges. Their choices will not change their child's agreed funded days or session times.

1. Free Childcare Provision

All children accessing funded hours receive the care and education required by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), regardless of whether their parents pay for optional extras.

This includes:

- Delivery of the EYFS curriculum.
- Essential care and education.
- Recording of children's learning and development through the Famly app, without an additional charge.

Parents' decisions about optional charges will not affect the quality of their child's funded care and education.

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. Please see our no meat packed lunch policy.

3. Trips and Outings

Trips and outings provide valuable opportunities for children to explore, learn and enjoy shared experiences. We encourage families to consider participation and will explain any optional charges in advance.

Parents may choose whether to pay for optional trips and outings. Where parents decline, Nursery Managers will plan suitable care and educational activities within the child's usual provision, maintaining their agreed funded days and session times.

Parents are encouraged to discuss any concerns about participation or costs with a Nursery Manager.

4. Extra-Curricular Activities

Our additional activities offer opportunities for children to develop their interests, confidence and skills. We encourage families to consider these opportunities and will explain what each optional charge covers.

Parents may choose activity charges separately from meals and snacks or non-food consumables.



Where parents decline an optional activity charge, Nursery Managers will plan suitable EYFS care and education within the child's usual provision. Their agreed funded days and session times and the quality of their care and education will be maintained.

Declining optional activity charges will not change their funded days or session times.

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. Sun Cream and Nappy Cream

Parents who choose not to pay for nursery-supplied sun cream or nappy cream must provide suitable products for their child. These must be clearly labelled with the child's name and brought to the setting when required.

If a required product is missing, staff will ensure the child's immediate care and safety needs are met and contact the parent to arrange supplies. No automatic charge will be applied.

Parents who have difficulty providing these items should speak to a Nursery Manager to agree a suitable alternative.

6. Famly online learning journey and link to Enrichment Provision

We use Famly to record children's learning and development, communicate with parents and provide invoices.

There is no additional charge for using Famly. Access to the child's learning journey does not depend on whether parents pay for optional meals, consumables or activities.

We also communicate with parents through regular conversations and provide the required progress checks and transition information.

7. 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, giving at least **one months' 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

Parents must provide the following items for their child's nursery activities:

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

These items must be clearly labelled with the child's name and kept at the Nursery for daily use.

Arrangements for parents supplying their own sun cream and nappy cream are explained in Section 5.

10. Changes to the Policy

This policy may be updated to reflect changes in guidance or nursery arrangements. Parents will be notified of changes in writing.

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Recording Your Choices

Please request an optional charges choice form from a Nursery Manager to record which categories you wish to pay for or decline, together with the agreed alternatives.
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