



Consumables & Enhanced Provision Charges 2025



Your Funded Nursery Hours

From April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places to clearly break down any charges for consumables and additional services or Enhanced Provision.

At Bonnie Bear Day Care, we have always been transparent about what we offer, and this information is published on our website. This document explains what is included in your government funding, what we offer beyond that, and why we make a voluntary Consumables Charge. Under the new legislation, we have to continue provide transparency to parents and an option to “opt out” of consumables charges, if the parent only wants to access the funded hours (with no extras.)



This document has been produced in 2025 with the most recent Government Guidance in mind. If you would like anything explained further, please speak to the Nursery Manager.



What is covered by my Government Funding?



Government Funding Covers the Basics



Government funding covers a basic Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision, which includes items such as:

- Small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books, and basic craft supplies.*
- Sand and water play.*
- Loose parts and construction toys.*
- A staffing level that meets minimum government ratios.*

Funding is provided for settings to offer a basic provision of EYFS that meets the statutory requirements

What does the Government Funding **NOT** include?

As the Government Funding is there to cover the basic provision of EYFS, there are certain things that are **EXCLUDED** from funding. Examples of these are:

- ✗ Nutritious Home cooked meals, desserts and snacks, Fresh Fruit.
- ✗ Family App Portal Access for learning journey and communications
 - ✗ Nappies, Wipes, Ointments and sun cream.
- ✗ Extra Optional Activities and Events such as Graduation, Christmas Parties, Easter Celebrations
- ✗ Enrichment Activities such as Chick Hatching and Butterfly Experiences, Soft Play
 - ✗ Special Tuition such as Little Athletes, Yoga

We strongly believe that early years education should be rich, engaging, and full of real world experiences. To go beyond the basics and provide the quality of care and learning we are proud of, we offer an enhanced provision—which costs more to deliver than government funding provides.



We appreciate that our parents have opted to send their child to Bonnie Bear Day Care as they want the full Bonnie Bear experience for their child. Charging a voluntary monthly "Consumables" fee to parents accessing our Enhanced Provision will allow us to maintain the exceptional care and fun learning experiences we are known for.

Your Options, Your Choice

Opt-in

- 🍽️ All home cooked nutritious meals and snacks, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, desserts, morning and afternoon healthy snacks and fresh fruit.
- ◇ Access to our Family app portal for your child's learning journey and more
- 🧼 Consumables, including nappies, wipes, and sun cream.
- 🌿 Extra Optional Activities such as Sports Day, Family Fun Days
- 🧘 Enrichment programs such as Little Athletes or Yoga Sessions, Soft Play
- 🐣 Animal interactions, including chicks, and life cycles of the butterfly experience
- 🎉 Seasonal Specialist events and family fun days (Graduation, Halloween, Easter, Christmas)

Opt-out

Parents who opt-out will receive:

- ✅ Access to the basic EYFS provision as funded by the government.
- ✅ Their funded hours free of charge.

However, opting out means:

Parents must provide all meals and snacks for their child, in line with our food policy and government guidance (**Please refer to our packed lunch policy**)

- ◇ Parents must supply their own consumables, including nappies, wipes, Ointments and sun cream.
- ◇ No Family App Access to your child's portal and learning journey/communications, these will be provided in paper form
- ◇ Some enhanced provision experiences/events may not be included, but we will always ensure a high standard of care according the EYFS.
- ◇ Funded hours for opt-out families will be arranged based on availability. This will mean days may change from term to term, dependant on nursery availability however they will be offered according to statutory guidance as effective April 2025.



The Consumables Charge

Cost Breakdown

The Cost of the Consumables Charge is:

£2.25 Per Hour

These voluntary costs allow us to maintain the high standards of provision that families at Bonnie Bear expect.

This cost will be included on your invoice separate to your free funded hours

From January 2026 Additional charges will be categorised on invoices as follows -

- ***Your Free Entitlement***
- ***Any Additional Private Hourly Charges***
 - ***Food Charges***
 - ***Non- Food Consumable Charges***
 - ***Activity Charges***



Summary

Subject: Important Update – Your Choice Regarding Funded Hours & Consumables Charge

As you may be aware, from April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries to clearly separate out additional charges from funded places, at Bonnie Bear, we have always provided invoices in this way.

At Bonnie Bear Day Care, we have always been transparent about what we provide, and we are committed to maintaining the high-quality experiences that make our nursery special.

The government funding only covers the basic Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision. This includes standard toys, books, puzzles, and minimum staffing levels

However, it does not cover:

- ✗ Nutritious Home cooked meals, desserts and snacks, Fresh Fruit.***
- ✗ Family App Portal Access for learning journey and communications***
- ✗ Nappies, Wipes, Ointments and sun cream.***
- ✗ Extra Optional Activities and Events such as Graduation, Christmas Parties, Easter Celebrations***
- ✗ Enrichment Activities such as Chick Hatching and Butterfly Experiences, Soft Play***
- ✗ Special Tuition such as Little Athletes, Yoga***



To continue offering the high-quality experiences that our families value, we invoice a Consumables Charge to contribute to these costs when parents access their funded hours.

What Are My Options?

OPTION 1 – Opt In: Your child will access all meals, consumables, and enrichment activities

The Consumables Charge is:
2.25 Per Funded Hour

◇ **OPTION 2 – Opt Out: Your child will still receive their funded hours free of charge (and a basic EYFS provision)** but you will need to supply all meals, nappies, and consumables yourself. Your child will be offered a suitable alternative EYFS provision as per the government policy but will not be able to access the full Bonnie Bear provision. We will discuss this with you further should you opt out.

What Happens Next?

You will receive invoices showing your free funded hours alongside your consumable charge and your child will have access to the full Bonnie Bear Day Care experience, including all the enrichment programmes.

If you choose to opt out, we will discuss how we can accommodate your child's needs and schedule their funded hours based on our availability, ensuring they have full access to the basic EYFS provision.

Many nurseries are choosing to stop offering funded places because the funding does not cover the true cost of delivering childcare. At Bonnie Bear Day Care, we want to continue offering funded places, but this is only possible with the support of our families. We hope that our parents see the value in our Consumables Charge and choose to opt in so we can continue to operate as we always have done and can continue to provide the exceptional experiences that make our nursery special.