

Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre offers high quality provision in a state-of-the-art Childcare Centre, we are inclusive setting, graded outstanding in all areas by Ofsted in August 2019. As a staff team, we regularly review our professional practice, policies and procedures, to ensure that they meet local and national guidelines and requirements, whilst ensuring the care we offer is of the highest quality and standard.

This additional services and provisions policy applies to all children accessing childcare at Bright Beginnings.

Since September 2017, where eligible, children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 30 hours of funded education. However, the government is clear that funding for the provision of these hours is intended to cover the cost to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of funded, high quality, flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the cost of additional services, including meals, consumables, and additional hours.

From September 2024, where eligible, working parents of children aged 9 months will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare.

The childcare fee payable is for the care and the delivery of the Early Year's Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) for your child. Additional services are charged at a rate of £2.54 per hour and is applicable to all children regardless of whether they take up the funded education hours. This will enable us to stay sustainable and continue to deliver an outstanding early learning environment for all children. However, you do not have to purchase the additional services in order to access the funded education hours. Subject to Centre availability of places: of one place per morning session 8.00 am – 11.30 am and one place per afternoon session 12.15 pm to 2.45 pm.

Included in additional services:

1. The meals and snacks

The meals and snacks offered during the sessions your child attends are Pescatarian. Pescatarian meals and snacks do not include meat products but do include fish and eggs. The Centre provides breakfast (toast or cereal), lunch (2 courses, savoury and sweet) and a 2-course light tea (savory and sweet). A variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and water is also offered to children throughout the day. Full details of the food we offer during the day as part of our additional services is available in our food and nutrition policy. 8

A selection of Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter menus are used and are rotated weekly. The weekly menu is displayed in the entrance vestibule, in the play areas and on our website. Allergens are displayed with our menus. The Centre will provide an alternative option if your child has a confirmed allergen.

Children under 12 months will be offered foods at their stage of weaning which is always discussed with parents first.

## 2. Other items and provisions:

Nappies

Nappy cream

Wet wipes

Baby milk (formula or cartons) up to the age of 1

Sun protection cream

Sun hats

Waterproof clothing for outdoor play

Arts, crafts, and baking materials

French session\*

Tumble time

Electronic Learning Journal

Local Excursions

Termly meetings with your child's keyperson

Staff training above and beyond the EYFS requirements.

Parent information evenings and events

Celebrations

Seasonal gifts and visitors

Should you wish to consider opting out of any of these additional services you must speak to the Centre's Systems Manager who will explain the options available. There is no opt out option for nappies once your child is in Dragonflies Grasshoppers or Millipedes

We do not provide any medication for children including paracetamol suspension unless needed in an emergency situation and your prior consent has been sought.

\*Delivered to Grasshoppers, Dragonflies and any 3-year-olds in Bumblebees and Ladybirds on alternate Wednesday and Thursday mornings during term-time only.

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Reviewer	Angela Hynes