

Opt out - Care Package Policy

At St Bernard's Day Nursery, parents / carers can claim the Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) for their child/ren using the stretch method.

Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare and it is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.

If parents / carers who are unable or unwilling to pay choose to access the funding only, they must understand and agree to provide the items which are not covered by FEEE and are classed as an additional service. Our standard model of delivering the funded hours is to include everything in our private package. As stated above, FEEE is not expected to cover other consumables and additional services.

By utilising a fully funded free space, parents / carers and child/ren WILL NOT RECEIVE the following when opting out of the care package:

- Family Portal – Communication portal accessible to parents for interactive use between parent and setting, with daily child updates (under 3's), monthly observations detailing child development, accident/medication reports, activity of the month, notifications about events, updates, and electronic invoices.
- Home Visits on registration, written developmental reports (6 monthly and school transition reports). Any other reports will be passed on verbally, no designated parents' evenings, development will be verbally communicated on a periodic basis. Statutory documentation such as the 2 year check will still be provided.
- Personal health and hygiene belongings i.e., water bottles, toothbrushes/toothpaste (preschool), sunhats, emergency medication (if needed), aprons and bibs for meals, spare clothes.
- Enrichment activities -Visits to local places of interest, providing extended experiences out of the setting to promote knowledge and understanding of the world. These can entail outings such as strawberry picking, exploring Burbage common, trips to the library, visit from the ice-cream van, school transition visits to local mainstream schools, visits from community professionals, story sacks, lending library, chatterboxes, opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities e.g. sports sessions, Spanish/French lessons, any additional services within the setting such as our annual photographer.
- Celebration Days - Mother & Father's Day, Christmas Parties, interactive Stay and Plays for children, parents, grandparents, themed days i.e., Beach, football, World Book Day, Easter, Halloween, Nursery Nativity, Valentines Day, cultural capital festivals. The list is endless!!
- Gifts and additional resource packs in relation to Birthdays, Easter, Christmas, Graduation, School transition, book bags in readiness for mainstream school.

It is St Bernard's ethos to reflect, monitor, and review our enhanced services, consequently the care package can be modified accordingly to promote further child enrichment learning opportunities, personal social and emotional development needs and updates to ICT software.

Parental Signature _____ Date _____