



Watermead Day Nursery Care Packages

Parent Welcome Pack

Welcome to Watermead Day Nursery. This welcome pack contains everything you need to know about our enrichment experiences, daily requirements, care packages, funding guidance, and how we work in partnership with families. Please review this carefully and speak to the team if you have any questions.

Care Package Options & Funding

All government-funded early education hours are delivered free of charge. Parents are not required to purchase meals, consumables, additional services, or enrichment activities as a condition of accessing their funded entitlement. Optional packages are available by parental choice subject to availability.

We offer two funding and care options to suit families' needs.

- (Option 1) All-Inclusive Package:** (Recommended with optional consumable charges): Includes meals, snacks, wipes, sun cream, waterproof clothing and much, much more and will give your child full access to all enrichment activities.

Session	Hours	Cost without funding	Funded hours that can be claimed	Private hours to be added	Daily Consumable charges 9 months+	Daily Consumable charges 3 Years+
AM session	07:45 – 13:00	£49.00	4	1.25	£9.95	£14.55
PM session	13:00– 18:00	£45.50	4	1	£7.95	£11.95
Full Day	07:45 – 18:00	£81.50	9	1.25	£15.75	£19.19
Additional hour(s)			0 - PRIVATE		£8.74 per hr.	
Additional hours for full week			0 - PRIVATE		£4.37per hr.	
Late Collection Fee		£10.65	0 - PRIVATE		N/A	

Children must be within the setting for the number of funded hours claimed

Consumables breakdown	
Breakfast	£ 1.35
Snack	£ 1.75 (2 per day)
Lunch	£ 3.75
Tea	£ 3.10
AM Activities 9 months+	£ 3.10
PM Activities 9 months+	£ 3.10
Full Day Activities 9 months+	£ 4.05
AM Activities 3 Years	£ 7.70
PM Activities 3 Years	£ 7.23
Full day Activities 3 Years	£ 8.10

The Consumable charge supports (but does not wholly cover) for a child to access an enhanced provision with a bespoke curriculum, high quality childcare and education and covers your child to enjoy all the below.

- All meals and snacks whilst your child are in attendance with us, prepared by our Nursery Chef onsite.
- Breakfast – Choice of cereals and toast
- Mid-morning snack- healthy homemade snacks
- Lunch – Two courses including a freshly prepared and cooked, healthy nutritious meal followed by pudding.
- Tea – Two courses including a freshly prepared and cooked healthy nutritious meal with either a starter or pudding.
- Afternoon snack – examples are Rice cakes, crackers, this is different to the morning snack to ensure variety for our children who attend all day.
- Sun cream, Calpol, sudocrem, facecloths, bibs and bedding, backpacks for forest school days puddle suits (washed inhouse in our laundry)
- We have parties and events throughout the year which are included within your enrichment charge.
- Enrichment activities - These activities go beyond the statutory EYFS curriculum. Forest School, Sports Coaching, Art & Atelier Creative Sessions, Baby Massage and Sensory, Cooking & Cultural Experiences, Community Trips and Visits, School Readiness with Qualified Teachers, Graduation Ceremony, Sports Day, Parents' Day / Stay & Play
- Graduation (school leavers) – parents and children invited to come in to celebrate children going off to school, includes graduation gifts for your child.
- Christmas Party/celebrations– Includes a visit from Santa and a gift. Trips to the local temple during celebrations such as Diwali, food tasting during different celebrations.
- Trips and visits are provided at no extra cost, examples are the library, Museum, park, visiting the local shops, residential care home, woods, or local events such as bulb planting with the Loughborough in bloom community.
- Extensive handovers upon collection.
- Face to face one to one meetings.
- Extensive early intervention strategies.
- Extensive behaviour management.
- Staff are trained extensively above the expectations of the EYFS framework.
- Minimum of 95% of staff are paediatric first aid trained (EYFS only requires 1 staff member on the premises with this)
- Use of the Famly app for daily communication, blogs, and photos of your child's day.
- Supernumerary staff on site to assist and support throughout the day.
- Work on a smaller ratio when within the 2-3 years room than that recently changed by Ofsted.

Consumable charges and additional hours are booked and charged for the upcoming month, and we require one month's notice to drop these. These charges are still charged regardless of absence due to sickness or holidays etc.

- 2. (Option 2) Fully Funded Only:** Access to government-funded hours only. Subject to availability. This option includes your child's universal 15 funded hours and, if eligible, the extended 30 hours funding. These can be used during a full day session or a morning or afternoon session dependent on the nursery's availability.

Unable or Unwilling to pay:

If parents / carers who are unable or unwilling to pay, choose to access a fully free space, they must understand and agree to provide the following, 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 included in our private package. As stated above, FEEE is not expected to cover the costs of meals, consumable charges, or additional hours.

Those who are unable or unwilling to pay will be offered a fully free space on days/ sessions that we have available. Where parents / carers are unable or unwilling to pay, they are unable to book additional hours / sessions outside of their funded sessions.

By utilising a fully funded free space, parents / carers understand that they will not receive the following:

1. Access to an online learning journey or care diary on the Famly app. Statutory documentation, such as the 2-year check will be provided. Any other progress reports will be passed on verbally.
2. Daily update photos of their child/ren via the Famly app.
3. Children will not be able to participate in any additional activity, such as Yoga sessions / forest school / sporting activities / park visits / trips etc.
4. Children will not be able to attend certain events, such as Christmas or graduation, complete additional cultural festival celebrations.
5. Children will not receive any gifts.

To access a fully free space, parents / carers MUST agree to provide the following for every session their child attends.

- Breakfast Cereal / Fruit
- AM Snack Fruit / Vegetable Sticks / Breadsticks / Oatcakes / Rice cakes
- Lunch Packed Lunch, including sandwiches (no nut or chocolate spread), wraps, crackers or rice cakes. Cold pasta. Vegetable sticks, fruit, cereal bars. Please do not send sweets or chocolate products. Must have ice packs in lunch box.
- PM Snack Fruit / Vegetable Sticks / Breadsticks / Oatcakes / Rice cakes
- Tea Packed Lunch, including sandwiches (no nut spread or chocolate spread), wraps, crackers or rice cakes. Cold pasta. Vegetable sticks, fruit, cereal bars. Please do not send sweets or chocolate products. Must have ice packs in lunch box.
- Water bottle: A refillable water bottle
- Children in Nappies: Nappies, wipes, and nappy bags
- Medication Calpol and Piriton
- Toiletries Toothbrush and toothpaste (Preschool only)

- Spare Clothes All Year-round wellies & waterproof all in one. Winter months / hat / scarf / gloves / warm clothing to be worn. Summer months sun hat / suncream.
- Cooking 24 hours' notice will be provided on what ingredients you need to supply.

If you are bringing in your own food, please provide ice packs in lunch boxes (labelled with your child/ren's name) as there is no space to store food in our fridge. Due to some children's severe allergies, please ensure that any food containing nuts are not brought into the setting and food items are listed with ingredients and allergens. Please note that we are unable to reheat food, so please ensure that any food which is brought in can be eaten at room temperature. Please see our separate unable or unwilling to pay and packed lunch policy to ensure that all foods being brought into nursery complies with the Food standards agency regulations and EYFS nutrition guidance. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-nutrition>

Missing items, that need to be provided by nursery will incur an additional charge, invoiced in arrears at a rate of 50p per item.

If you choose not to do adhere to this, children will not be able to attend. This is imperative as we want to ensure that children accessing Fully Funded Free spaces get the same quality and access to provision as those using private paid hours.

Parental Declaration & Agreement

Parent Funding Declaration

Please select ONE of the following options:

☐ Option 1 – All-Inclusive Funded Place: At Watermead, our All-Inclusive model is designed to give your child a seamless, high-quality early years' experience, with as little for you to worry about as possible.

The convenience of a **fixed Rate** covers everything. I agree to pay the daily fixed rate fee which covers all meals, snacks, wipes, sun cream and extra-curricular enrichment activities. I understand this will be invoiced monthly in advance.

☐ Option 2 – Fully Funded Place (subject to availability) My child will only access government funded hours.

NOTE: Any change to your selected option must be made *in writing to the office* with *at least one month notice *, so we can adjust our staffing, ordering, and funding claims.

- I understand the differences between the two care packages.
- I understand that I am responsible for maintaining and reconfirming my child's eligibility code through the Best Start in Life Parent Hub (formally Childcare Choices) website each term.
- I understand that by signing the PSOU form I am agreeing to Watermead Day Nursery's care package.

Watermead Day Nursery is required to record daily attendance for all funded children. Regular attendance is monitored by Leicestershire County Council, and excessive absences without valid reason may result in funding being withdrawn.

Trips and visits are optional. Parents will always be notified in advance and asked to consent.

- Parent Name: _____
- Child's Name: _____
- Signature: _____
- Date: _____