



Funded Hours The Enhanced Package Policy

Millwood House is a **private, family-owned day nursery**, established in 1991. As a private business, our priority is to provide the very best care, education, and experiences for the children entrusted to us.

While many private nurseries have chosen to withdraw from the government funding scheme due to financial pressures, we have chosen to continue accepting funded places. We do this to support our families. But this does bring some challenges that we need to address to bridge the gap and ensure that we can continue to operate whilst maintaining the high level of care and staff ratio's etc ; to put it simply we need to bridge the gap between the funding received and the actual cost to us as a business.

It is important to understand that government funding only covers the **basic education and care elements** of nursery provision. It does not cover the daily running costs or the quality experiences that make Millwood House unique.

To bridge this gap, we provide an **Enhanced Nursery Package** at £14.40 per funded session. This contribution ensures that every child benefits equally from the enriched, high-quality care Millwood House is known for.

For further information on what this package includes please see our Consumables List, Enriched Activities List and Menus on our website. However, examples of what the package includes are:

- Nutritious meals and snacks, freshly prepared by our in-house cook
- Wipes, creams, lotions, and sun cream
- Consumables such as tissues, craft and play materials
- Bedding, freshly laundered in our own nursery laundry facilities
- (Spare clean clothing for changes during the day)
- Visiting entertainers and seasonal events (Easter Bunny, Father Christmas, Sports Day, Graduation, etc.) and religious Festivals
- Parent partnership activities and special nursery events

Opting Out

Since 1991, Millwood House has remained a **private family-owned nursery**, not part of a chain and not subsidised by outside organisations. This nominal contribution ensures

we can continue to deliver the high standards of nutrition, care, and experiences that define Millwood House Private Day Nursery.

However, we know family life can bring challenges, and we are always open to supportive, sensitive conversations. If you feel your circumstances warrant special consideration, please do not hesitate to speak with us directly.

The new Government guidelines require us to give families the option to “opt out” of the Enhanced Package.

Families who opt out are responsible for providing daily:

- **Bedding** - cot sheet and blanket, taken home daily and laundered at home.
- **Clothing** - this must be laundered off-site. We will return soiled clothing to be laundered at home. You will also need to provide spare clothes daily in case they are required.
- **Consumables** – Nappies, wipes, creams, lotions, suncream, tissues and bibs (labelled with your child’s name)
- **Medication** – for example Calpol and Antihistamines
- **Meals & Snacks** - We have been advised by our insurers that they are unable to guarantee cover in the event an allergic reaction as a result of food being brought into the nursery. For this reason, we are unable to allow homemade packed lunches or snacks in the nursery. This includes prepackaged food. Families opting out would therefore need to collect their child during every mealtime and return them afterwards.

In summary

- Millwood House is a **private day nursery**; funded hours are accepted at our discretion, not as an automatic right.
- Government funding does not cover the real cost of quality nursery care.
- The Enhanced Package (£14.40 per funded session) bridges that gap.
- Families may request to opt out
- Our approach ensures every child enjoys the full Millwood House experience.