



ENHANCED PROVISION IN EYFS POLICY

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Introduction

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

This document explains what is included in your government funding, what we offer beyond that, and why we make an Enhanced Provision charge.

Under the new legislation, we have to provide transparency to parents and an option to “opt out” of the Enhanced Provision charges, if the parent only wants to access the funded hours (with no extras.)

This document has been written in April 2025, with the most recent Government Guidance in mind. If you would like any additional information, please speak to the Headmistress.

What is included in the funding?

2. Government funding covers a **basic** Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision that meets the statutory requirements. This means:
 - Toys such as small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books and basic craft supplied to play with
 - Sand and water play
 - Construction toys
 - A staffing level that meets the minimum government ratios.

What is outside of the scope of the funding?

3. As the Government funding is there to cover the basic provision of EYFS, there are certain things that are EXCLUDED from the funding. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Meals, desserts and snacks
 - Whole class teaching with a qualified teacher who delivers learning on phonics and maths
 - Small group or 1:1 time with a qualified teacher on a targeted curriculum designed to develop the individual child’s phonics and mathematical skills
 - Specialist teachers for PE, Music, Forest School, Computing and Music and Movement
 - All specialist activities
 - Attendance at assembly
 - All additional class activities such as baking, Christmas gifts, sports day, park trips
 - Enhanced feedback on your child i.e. 2 parents’ evenings per year, annual written report
 - Additional activities with parents e.g. tea party, Christmas production

4. **We strongly believe that an EYFS education should be rich, engaging and full of real-world experiences. We also believe that our Nursery children are ready for an enhanced curriculum that develops them academically, as well as across a broad range of subjects, and gets them school ready. We are very proud of the curriculum we offer, but this costs a great deal more to deliver than what the Government Funding provides.**

Option to Opt in or Opt out

5. We have always provided an enhanced EYFS experience for our children. From April 2025, we are required be clear about what is and isn't included in the funding (see above) and what our Enhanced Provision charge covers.
6. If you choose to 'Opt in' to our Enhanced Provision charge, your billing will not change. Your Early Years funding will be applied in the same way as it has been and the remaining charge is the Enhanced Provision charge, allowing your child access to the rich and exciting Early Years education that we are sure is the reason you chose Rydes Hill Nursery.
7. If you choose to 'Opt out' of our Enhanced Provision charge, your child will have access to the provision as outlined in point 2 above. To be clear, they would not have access to any of the specialist sessions, any input from the teacher, any meals or snacks or any of the items listed in point 3 above. For those accessing 15 hours, they would need to arrive at 8am and be collected at 11am. For those accessing 30 hours they would need to arrive at 8am and be collected at 2pm. Parents would need to provide a packed lunch containing items that comply with the list in Annex A.
8. To be clear, if you choose to opt out, your child will still receive a high level of care, but they will not attend the same activities as the children whose parents have opted in.
9. Parents who choose to 'Opt out' need to make this clear when registering their child (or before the end of April 2025 if the child already attends Rydes Hill. This needs to be done in writing to RHfinance@rydeshill.org.uk).
10. There is not an option to 'opt out' of some elements of the Enhanced Provision charge and not others.

Appendix A

A child's packed lunch should be based on the 'Eatwell Plate' model which shows items the 5 main food groups; (Food Standards Agency 2007).

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/the-eatwell-guide.aspx>

- **Bread, Rice, Potatoes, Pasta** - these starchy foods are a healthy source of energy. Packed lunches should include 2 or more portions.
- **Fruit and Vegetables** - these foods provide vitamins, minerals and fibre. Lunches should include at least 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables / salad, or more.

- **Milk and Dairy foods** - these foods provide calcium for healthy bones and teeth. Include 1 portion at lunch Meat, Fish, Eggs, Beans, Pulses - these foods provide protein for growth. Packed lunches should include 1 portion of these foods
- **Drinks** - Any drinks provided in lunch boxes should only include either plain water, milk (semi skimmed), unsweetened fresh fruit juice, diluted fresh fruit juice, fruit or dairy based smoothies

To ensure consistency and to ensure a packed lunch is in line with Food Agency standards and ensures other children are not exposed to potential life threatening allergens and does not pose any choking hazards to your child or any other child, packed lunches **MUST NOT** contain the following:

- Nuts or nut products
- Items containing sesame seeds
- Items containing soya
- Crisps
- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- Whole uncut round foods; grapes, cherries, blueberries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes