

Chargeable Extras

“Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare only.

The 15 or 30 hours must be able to be accessed free of charge to parents. There must not be any mandatory charges for parents in relation to the free hours.

Government funding is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.” DfE, 2025

Please find detailed below a list of chargeable extras

Funding		
Free entitlement hours –Up to 30 hours per week within term time (38 weeks per year.) To be taken between the hours of 9am & 3pm There are no additional charges for funded hours taken within these times.	Weekly	Free
Additional hours		
Breakfast Club– 8am-9am <i>Includes breakfast – choose from a selection of cereals, toast, fruit or yogurt.</i>	Daily	£7.50
Ad Hoc additional hours will be charged if you add additional hours after funding submission deadlines or adjustment deadlines have passed or they fall outside of the times allocated to funded hours.	Per hour	£7.00
Extended Hours – 3pm-4.30pm	Per session	£10.00
Late pickup (15 min grace period then charged at...)	Per 15mins or part of.	£5.00
Food Costs		
Snacks/curriculum enhancements* – Consists of fruit plus additional item, eg. cheese & crackers, crumpet, pitta bread etc. and a drink. (see below for further details) baking activities, foods to support topics such as healthy eating, playdough ingredients.	Daily	0.60p
Lunch – Lunch is only provided by pre-school if the lunch	Daily	£2.50

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provided from home does not meet the nutritional guidelines in our pre-school policy** or you fail to provide a lunch for your child.		
Consumable charges		
Nappy & wipes	Per unit	£1.00
Additional voluntary services such as contributions to Dancing Digits, school trips, sessions delivered by external teachers will be costed individually.	Ad Hoc	Price dependent on numbers taking part and will be clearly offered to parents before invoicing.

*Snacks & curriculum enhancements - The government states that the charges are voluntary for meals, however, our daily snack charge means that all children will be provided with the same nutritious snack. This stops the children becoming fussy eaters, allows them to try new things, provides an adequately sized portion and means you do not have to worry about providing a snack each day. As well as not having the issue of providing a snack that meets the needs of children with allergies in our setting.

You have chosen Bramble Brook Pre School as a setting based on the high-quality experiences we offer. In order for us to provide your child with an environment, equipment, experiences and services which are above the normal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) or which are not covered by Early Years Funding for example snacks, cookery, gardening, music & movement, watching a duckling hatch or watching a caterpillar turn in to a butterfly, as well as providing sun cream, various sundries, downloadable learning / photo journal, outings and special cultural events, we need to make these small charges.

** Lunch – To keep your costs down you are asked to provide a healthy packed lunch from home. This **must** meet the nutritional and allergen guidelines set out in our *Food from Home Policy*. Failure to meet these requirements after two warnings, will mean that your child will be provided with a packed lunch by us and you will be charged accordingly.

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Please note that these *charges are only applicable to funded places. For full fee-paying places snacks and consumables are included. We also do not charge consumables for those accessing funding on the Flying Start 2 year old offer.

You can also register for a Tax Free Childcare account at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and if eligible, use this facility to pay for additional hours and charges for our preschool.

If you have any questions concerning the charges, or would like to discuss opting out please do not hesitate to contact me at manager@bramblebrook.co.uk we will be able to give you full details on the snack foods permitted in our setting and on which days you can bring them, to match our own snack menu's, along with the specific storage instructions and allergen information you will need to supply. We will also be able to advise you the activities that are enhancements to the curriculum so that you are aware which activities your child will not take part in.