**Funded 15 hours policy**

As a community interest company Bell Day Nursery aim to offer the extended entitlement to our families in accordance with the contract with Essex County Council.

The 15 hours are free at point of delivery however, in order to remain sustainable, we reserve the right to implement a charge for the extra services which we provide, as per government regulations included in the publication Early Years Entitlement: operational Guidance as copied below:

*Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare. IT is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional activities. Parents can therefore expect to pay for any meals offered by the provider alongside their free entitlement. Parents can also expect to pay for other consumables or additional activities offered by the provider, such as nappies or trips.*

This service charge includes enhanced ratios as well-off site visits such as PE, the library, market, forest school, allotment etc. In addition to this the charge will also cover extra curricula activities in the setting such as cooking, Spanish, swimming and many others.

The charge will be reviewed annually, currently it is 98p per hour. Children in receipt of EYPP will not be requested to pay this voluntary charge.

The term before your child is eligible for this funding you will receive a memo from us outlining the details of how to claim and what it includes via Famly.

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