



## Ambourne House Enhanced Provision



## Your funded nursery hours

From April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places to clearly break down any charges for additional services or enhanced provision. At Ambourne House Day Nursery, we have always been transparent about what we offer.

This document explains what is included in your government funding, what we offer beyond that, and why we make additional charges.

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

## What is covered by government funding?

Government funding covers the basics!

Government funding covers the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision, which includes items such as:

- Small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books, and basic craft supplies
- Sand and water play
- Loose parts and construction toys
- A staffing level that meets minimum government ratios

At Ambourne House we are committed to going above and beyond the minimum.



## What is NOT covered by government funding?

As the government funding is there to cover the just the provision of the EYFS, there are certain things that are excluded from funding. Examples of these are:

- Fresh, nutritious meals and snacks
- Wipes, Cotton Wool, nappy cream and suncream
- Specialist activities and enrichment opportunities
- Trips, events and themed days
- IT packages such as Family and Funding Loop

We strongly believe that early years education should be rich, engaging, and full of real-world experiences. To go beyond the basics and provide the quality of care and learning we can proud of, we offer an enhanced provision—which costs more to deliver than government funding provides.

## The reality of nursery funding

We understand that the rules surrounding funded childcare entitlements can be confusing.

Historically, settings have covered this cost by charging for all the additional things they do, over and above the EYFS provision.

We have always covered the cost of our enhanced provision by making a daily charge called 'consumables'. This has allowed us to provide our funded children with a rich curriculum full of learning opportunities and experiences.

At Ambourne House, we want to continue offering funded places, but this is only possible if parents understand that the setting has costs not covered by the funded hours.

Without this cost being met in this way, we may need to reduce the level of enrichment activities we provide or stop providing funded places in the future. We appreciate that our parents have opted to send their child to Ambourne House as they want the full experience for them. Charging a 'consumables' fee to parents accessing our enhanced provision will allow us to maintain the exceptional care and learning experiences we are known for.

A full breakdown of the optional consumables charge is available please speak to the Nursery Management team for further details



# Your choice

## Opt-in

### Parents who opt-in will continue to receive:

- Consumables, including emergency nappies, nappy sacks, barrier creams, wipes, and sun cream
- Specialist learning experiences, including outings, Forest School, Sport for Kids, Active Kids Yoga, Zoolab and Jo Jingles
- Special events, celebrations and open evenings (Halloween, Easter, Christmas, Parents/Carers Evening, Preschool Graduation Party, Celebration Presents, Annual BBQ)
- Online learning journal
- Waterproof and Garden wear
- Photographs & keepsakes to bring home
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Bibs, Bedding Blankets, mats and sleep bags
- Drinking Cups and Beakers
- Access to the Ambourne House Stem Centre

## Opt-out

### Parents who opt-out will receive:

- Access to the EYFS provision as funded by the government
- Their funded hours free of charge
- Parents must supply their own consumables, including nappies, wipes, and sun cream on a daily basis, overnight storage is not available\*
- Some enhanced provision experiences will not be included, but we will always ensure a high standard of care
- No access to the Ambourne House Stem Centre
- No online learning journal

\*subject to our stipulations and requirements for the eradication of allergens and other sources of harm to your and other children in our care.

**This document has been produced in December 2025 with the most recent government guidance in mind.**

**If you would like anything explained further, please speak to the nursery manager.**

