



Fees Policy

Bumble & Bloom Childcare · Compliant with EYFS September 2025

This policy explains our fees, payment terms and the way we handle funded hours, deposits and additional charges, so families always know what to expect.

Fees and what is included

- Current fees are set out in our Fees Schedule, which is provided to parents at registration and updated annually.
- Fees include all meals, snacks, drinks, nappies (where agreed), planned activities and outings, unless stated otherwise.
- Optional extras such as day trips with an entry charge are agreed with parents in advance.

Payment terms

- Invoices are issued monthly in advance and are payable by the date shown on the invoice.
- Payment is by bank transfer, standing order or childcare voucher scheme (including tax-free childcare).
- A registration fee and a deposit (equivalent to one month's fees) may be required to secure a place; the deposit is refunded or credited at the end of the placement, subject to the notice terms below.

Late payment

- Overdue accounts will receive a written reminder. Persistent late payment may result in suspension of the childcare place and, ultimately, termination of the contract.
- We do our best to work with families experiencing financial difficulty; please speak with Charlotte as early as possible.

Absence, holidays and closures

- Fees remain payable during a child's absence, including illness and family holiday.
- Fees remain payable during the childminder's holiday for up to four weeks per year; additional childminder-led closures are not charged.
- In the event of an emergency closure, families are not charged for any full day the setting is closed.

Funded hours

- We offer the government-funded early years entitlements as set out on our Funding page and current government guidance for the relevant year.
- Funded hours are stretched or term-time depending on parental choice and availability.
- Any additional hours, meals or consumables outside of the funded entitlement are chargeable at our standard hourly rate; these charges are itemised on invoices.

Notice period

- Either party may end the contract by giving four weeks' written notice.
- Fees are payable in full during the notice period, whether or not the child attends.

Review

- Fee rates are reviewed annually. Parents are given at least one month's written notice of any change.