



Under 2 year olds accessing CWF funding
All Inclusive Package - OPT IN
£17.50 per full day/£8.75 per half day
(£1.75 per hour)

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- Breakfast, lunch, tea, healthy snacks, and drinks
- Records of achievements, photos, and written observations/reports
- Baking, cooking, specialist art sessions, and craft supplies
- Nursery outings and celebrations
- Parent's evenings, meetings, and additional family support
- Specialist music, drama, dance, tennis, and similar activities
- Speech and language support, development checks, & SEND support above the basic EYFS level

This list is not exhaustive.

The breakdown of your 'All Inclusive Package' fees (clearly itemised on invoices) is as follows:

- Food and meal preparation: 75p per funded hour
- Activities: 50p per funded hour
- Consumables: 50p per funded hour

NB. Our 'All Inclusive Package' fees are worked out across the year and divided equally across 51 weeks.

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Two's Too Funding
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3 & 4 year olds accessing CWF Funding
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All Age Groups Basic Funding ONLY - OPT OUT

At Cats Whiskers, we have always included every child in every activity regardless of background, income, SEND or personal circumstances. We are a fully inclusive setting. We have always looked at families as individuals and done our best to support them so that ALL of our children have access to high quality provision. Unfortunately, the government has now created a 2 tier system where parents are meant to opt in or opt out of high quality provision. In our opinion, these things are not 'optional extras'. Every child should be given the best we can offer to enable them to have the best start in life. At Cats Whiskers, we have always had lower costs for children on lower incomes or in receipt of Two's Too funding and have used our discretion to support families that we know have been struggling over the years. We do not want to create a 'divide', however, it is now stated in guidance that we must if a parent chooses it. However, we hope none of you would want your child to miss out.

If you chose to OPT OUT of our 'All Inclusive Package' your child will sadly NOT receive the following benefits:

- No Breakfasts, Lunch, Tea, Healthy Snacks and drinks
- No Record of Achievements, photographs or written observations/reports,
- No baking, no additional craft supplies & resources,
- No outings, no nursery celebrations,
- No parent's evenings & meetings,
- No tennis, drumming, specialist music, drama & dance sessions,
- No cooking activities, no specialist art sessions & no special visits etc
- No additional Speech & Language, Development Checks & SEND support and assessment above that required within the EYFS.

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