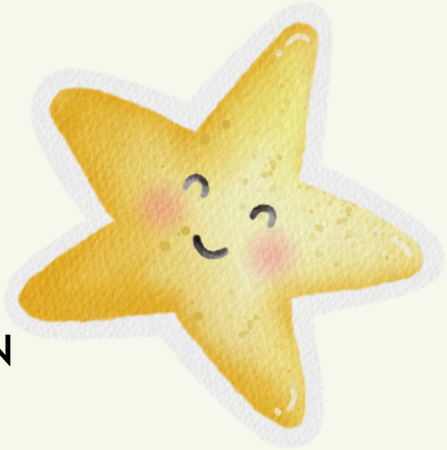

3 & 4 year olds accessing CWF Funding

All Inclusive Enrichment Package - OPT IN

£30 per full day/£15 per half day

(£3 per hour)

The Early Years Funding provided by the government is based on minimum staffing ratios and qualification requirements. At Cats Whiskers, our standards exceed these minimum requirements, ensuring all permanent staff are qualified or actively working towards advanced Early Years Qualifications (up to Level 6).

Our 'All Inclusive Enrichment Packages' are charged for <u>within the funded hours</u> & include:

- Breakfast, lunch, tea, healthy snacks, and drinks
- Meals prepared from scratch on site in 5* rated kitchen by our nursery chef
- Specialist music, sports (including LTA tennis), cooking & dance & drama sessions, activities & supplies
- Nursery outings and celebrations
- Records of achievements, photos, and written observations/reports
- Parent's evenings, meetings, and additional family support
- Speech and language support, development checks, & SEND support above the basic EYFS level

This list is not exhaustive.

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

- Food and meal preparation: £1 per funded hour
- Activities: £1 per funded hour
- Consumables: £1 per funded hour

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

Please note that the amount the nursery receives for funded hours is at least 34% lower than our basic running costs and **<u>without your support we will not be able to remain viable</u>**. The government funding does not support the costs of paying our staff annual leave, pension contributions, statutory sick pay, Business Rates, utilities, insurance, IT support & the annual training costs for their certificates in Paediatric First Aid, Food Hygiene, Safeguarding, Health & Safety & other relevant continuous training development courses in Early Years. None of these items are fully funded by the Early Years Funding yet they are a statutory requirement!

It also does not cover our management team and additional staff, including: Felicity (Director, Early Years Manager, Safegaurding Lead, SENCO) Greg (Facilities, Marketing & Enrichment Manager), Carol (Administration) our cooks, and our cleaners.

The Early Years Funding has been calculated on the assumption that all settings are working to their maximum ratios permitted & to the minimum numbers of qualified staff permitted, which is only one member of staff qualified as a Level 3 Practitioner or above, with the remaining staff being qualified at a Level 2 or unqualified within a room. At Cats Whiskers our fees enable us to ensure that all our permanent staff are qualified or working towards a relevant Childcare & Early Years Qualification up to a Level 6.

These services, benefits & guarantees are all included within our normal session fees for all children under 5 years of age, apart from any Early Education funded hours.