

BASIC EYFS versus ENHANCED EYFS PROVISION

The Early Years Statutory Framework sets out the minimum requirements that settings must meet when delivering education for children aged birth to five. However, Early Days Nursery is committed to ensuring that each child who attends not only experiences a diverse and rich education, but also magic and joy.

We do this via our bespoke curriculum, which has been devised using a wide range of research on what is required to provide high-quality early years education. We view the resources and experiences below as a vital component in delivering this model. We believe that the love and care we want each child to feel can be communicated through the experiences we provide to them. We know that the way we present resources tells children about how they are valued. Our enhancements are not just about possibility and experimentation: they are about choice and respect.

None of the items listed here would be considered as mandatory under the EYFS Statutory Framework, highlighting the gap between what can be provided utilising only those funds provided by the government, and what parents expect from a high-quality early years setting.

Outdoor Learning & Nature Experiences

- Woodland School at Braziers Park (den-making, nature play, etc.)
- Mud kitchens and nature play areas
- Potion Station
- Gardening activities and planting
- Daily walks and nature play
- Outdoor climbing frames & adventure play
- Trikes, scooters and bikes
- Water play areas, sandpits, and refilling of sand
- Bug hotels and mini-beast exploration kits
- Outdoor learning shelters & covered play areas
- Puddle suits and waterproofs provided by the setting
- Hi-vis jackets for walks
- Outdoor craft activities (e.g., bird feeders)
- Planting/maintaining of window boxes/planters
- Grass cutting/weeding/outdoor space maintenance

Creative, Messy and Sensory Play

- Painting aprons and protective clothing
- High-quality arts and crafts materials (canvas, acrylics, glitter, sequins)
- Sensory play trays (water, foam, kinetic sand, edible play materials)
- Baking, food play and cooking experiences
- Loose parts play and open-ended wooden resources
- Hatching chickens and butterfly life cycle experiences
- Themed craft projects (e.g., Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas)
- Enhanced craft activities (e.g., keepsake canvases, clay handprints)
- Home learning resource kits
- Specialist Resources for ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- Twinkl Premium Access (Early Years Resource Bank)

Mealtime & Nutrition Support

- On site chef to cook and prepare all meals
- Two healthy snacks per day
- Two-course cooked hot lunches
- Breakfast and tea meal provisions
- Hot Chocolate during the winter months
- Fresh food ingredients
- Special dietary catering beyond allergy requirements
- Baking activities and cooking lessons
- Drinks: formula, squash, water, oat and soya milk
- Picnics
- Specialist food items to complement in class learning themes

Specialist Experiences/Learning

- Visiting musicians, storytellers, and performers
- Musical instruments
- Dance, movement and yoga sessions
- Cultural celebrations
- Enhanced reading book schemes
- Phonics Scheme
- Artist Studies
- Christmas Nativity/Concert
- Easter Celebration at Ipsden Village Church
- World Book Day

Seasonal & Celebration Events

- Christmas parties, visits from Santa
- Halloween and party treats
- Easter Egg Hunt and treats
- Ipsden Marathon
- Sports Day with medals
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Graduation celebrations and keepsake gifts
- End of Term Learning Books (prepared by staff)
- End of Year Parties

Support in the Community

- Baby Bank Project
- Harvest Festival at Ipsden Village Church
- Children in Need activities
- May Day at Braziers

Specialist Staff Training (Beyond EYFS Minimums)

- Outdoor Learning and Woodland School leader training
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) training
- Speech and Language development courses
- Emotional coaching and positive behaviour training
- One-to-one/small group interventions (not SEND related)
- First aid training for staff beyond basic requirements
- Additional evening and weekend training

Miscellaneous

- Individual sleep mats and cots
- Daily washing and laundering of bedding
- Tapestry On-Line Journal
- Extra observations/assessments beyond statutory requirements
- Curriculum Evenings
- Ad hoc parent meetings and support calls
- Medication administration (not mandatory in EYFS)
- Washing and disposing of nappies, bibs and flannels
- Settling in session

