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Snacks, Teas and Consumables Policy

Effective Date: 1 November 2025

Last Reviewed: 10 June 2026

Next Review Date: June 2027

Purpose

This policy sets out how the nursery provides snacks, teas, and consumable items during funded sessions, including any associated charges. It ensures transparency for families, promotes fairness, and supports compliance with the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** statutory framework, particularly in relation to nutrition, health, and wellbeing.

Scope

This policy applies to all children attending funded early education sessions at the nursery, and to their parents and carers.

Policy Statement

The Butterfly rooms is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and ensuring that all children have access to nutritious food and drink while in our care.

We provide healthy snacks and optional tea (late afternoon meal) during extended sessions to support children's energy levels, wellbeing, and development.

To maintain the quality of this provision, a reasonable charge is applied to cover the cost of food, preparation, and associated consumables (e.g. nappies, wipes, and hygiene products where applicable).

We ensure that:

- All food provided meets **EYFS nutritional guidance**
- Dietary requirements, allergies, cultural needs, and parental preferences are respected
- Food is prepared and stored in line with **health and safety and food hygiene regulations**

Parents/carers have the option to provide their own food, subject to the conditions outlined in this policy.

Charges

Charges are applied only to cover the cost of consumables and are not a condition of accessing funded hours.

Snacks

- Provided during afternoon sessions
- **Cost:** £0.50 per day or £2.50 per week

Tea (Late Afternoon Session: 3:00pm – 6:00pm)

- **Cost:** £2.00 per meal or £10.00 per week

Payment Terms

- Fees are payable **weekly or monthly in advance via BACS**
- A personalised invoice and cost breakdown will be provided to each family
- Non-payment may be followed up in line with the nursery's fees policy

5. Opt-Out Option

Parents/carers may choose to provide their child's snacks and/or tea.

To ensure consistency and safety:

- For new starters, preferences must be confirmed during enrolment/paperwork completion
- All food provided from home must:
 - Meet **EYFS nutritional standards**
 - Be clearly labelled with the child's name

- Be free from prohibited items (e.g. nuts, where applicable to nursery policy)

The nursery reserves the right to refuse food that does not meet safety or nutritional requirements.

Equality, Inclusion and Support

We are committed to ensuring that no child is disadvantaged.

Families in receipt of additional support may be eligible for **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)** or other funding streams. These may be used to help cover consumable costs where appropriate.

Parents/carers are encouraged to speak confidentially with the nursery management team to discuss:

- Eligibility for financial support
- Flexible arrangements where needed

Rationale

This policy reflects a careful review of operational costs and aligns with common practice across early years settings in the UK.

Charges are:

- Kept **fair, transparent, and competitive**
- Applied only to additional consumables
- Designed to sustain a **high-quality, nutritious provision** for all children

Safeguarding and Health Considerations

Food provision forms part of our wider safeguarding and wellbeing responsibilities.

The nursery ensures that:

- Children are supervised during mealtimes
- Safe eating practices are followed

- Allergies and medical needs are carefully managed
- Drinking water is always available

Communication and Feedback

We value positive partnerships with parents and carers.

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding this policy, please speak to a member of the nursery management team. We are committed to working collaboratively and supporting all families.

Policy Review

Reviewed:

- Annually
- Following legal or EYFS updates

This policy was adopted by

The Butterfly Rooms Ltd

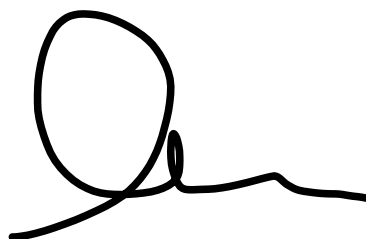
On

4th June 2026

Date to be reviewed

4th June 2027

Signed on behalf of the Management
committee



Name of signatory

Miss Aimee Thompson