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Kinder Giggles Nursery & Preschool: Funded Hours, Extras, and Parent Policies

Introduction

At Kinder Giggles, we are committed to providing a nurturing, high-quality early years' experience for every child. We offer government-funded places for eligible families and aim for total transparency about what is included in the funded offer, and what optional extras are available. This document explains your options, our expectations, and the benefits of our inclusive approach.

Funded Sessions Structure

- **Funded hours can only be accessed in blocks of:**
 - **Half day:** 4 hours (8am–12pm or 1pm–5pm)
 - **Full day:** 9 hours (8am–5pm)
- Funding is delivered over a minimum of 47.5 weeks per year.
- We do not offer term-time only funding.

What's Included in the Funded Place

- High-quality early years education and care from our experienced team
- Access to all core learning and play activities within the EYFS framework

Extras: Our Inclusive Service Fee

Our inclusive service fees cover a wide range of extras designed to enrich your child's experience at Kinder Giggles. While optional, we strongly encourage families to opt in, as these extras are integral to our home-from-home, Hygge-inspired approach and allow every child to fully participate in our setting.

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Weekly Charges for Optional Extras (Based on Total Funded Hours Attended Per Week)

Total Funded Hours per Week Meals & Snacks Consumables (incl. App Access) Enhanced Activities Total per Week

12 hours	£10	£4	£4	£18
24 hours	£20	£8	£8	£36

What's Included in the Inclusive Service Fee

Meals & Snacks

- **Breakfast:** Cereal with milk (for children arriving before 8:30am)
- **Mid-morning snack:** Toast and fruit
- **Lunch:** Home-cooked main course and pudding (for morning and full-day sessions)
- **Afternoon snack:** Fruit, vegetables, dips, breadsticks, rice cakes, etc.
- **Dinner:** Full home-cooked main course and dessert (for afternoon and full-day sessions)
- We cater for all dietary needs and allergies.

Consumables (Including Digital Parent App Access)

- All craft and baking materials
- Ingredients for food tasting and cooking activities
- Materials for gardening and planting activities
- Celebration treats (e.g., Christmas party food, Easter eggs, prizes)
- **Full access to the Family parent communication app:**
 - Live updates on your child's meals, nappy changes, sun cream applications, sleeps, and more
 - Secure photo sharing and daily observations of learning and activities
 - Direct messaging with staff for queries or updates
 - Digital access to your child's learning journey and records (statutory EYFS assessments will be shared as a short printed summary; no paper learning journals provided)

Enhanced Activities

- Food tasting and cooking sessions for cultural and religious celebrations (Chinese New Year, Eid, Christmas, etc.)
- Visits from community members for special demonstrations
- Annual Christmas party, gift and other celebration events
- Themed crafts and gifts to take home for special occasions (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, etc.)
- Entry to competitions and prizes (eg. Easter Bonnet)
- Regular community outings (library, park, community garden, carol singing, local events)
- Gardening and growing club
- Guest workshops and special event days

If You Choose Not to Pay for the Inclusive Service Fee

- **Meals and Snacks:**
 - You must provide a packed lunch and snacks for your child each day.
 - Packed lunches **must comply with the Healthy Eating Standards for Under 5s** ([see Tameside Guidance](#)).

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- Packed lunches must be sent in a temperature-controlled cool bag, clearly labelled, and able to be hung on your child's peg until meal times.
- Staff cannot prepare or heat food from packed lunches; all items must be ready to eat directly from the cool bag.
- **Consumables and Activities:**
 - You must provide all required craft and activity materials (a list will be given in advance).
 - Your child will not participate in food tasting, enhanced celebration activities, competitions, or special community outings.
 - **Famly App Access:** You will not receive daily digital updates, photos, or direct messaging via the amly App. Statutory EYFS assessments will still be provided as a short, printed summary.

If a packed lunch does not meet the required healthy eating standards, your child will be provided with a nursery meal and you will be charged the standard meal fee for that day. Repeated provision of non-compliant packed lunches will result in continued support from our team to help you meet the standards, but you will always have the option to provide a compliant packed lunch for future sessions.

Packed Lunch and Healthy Eating Policy

At Kinder Giggles, we are proud to hold the Tameside Healthy Eating Award and are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of every child in our care. To ensure all children receive nutritious and appropriate food, we have the following policy for packed lunches:

- **All packed lunches and snacks provided from home must fully comply with the Healthy Eating Standards for Under 5s.**
Please see the [Tameside Guidance for Carers of the Under 5s](#) for full details and examples.
- **Packed lunches must be brought in a temperature-controlled cool bag, clearly labelled, and able to be hung on your child's peg until mealtimes.**
- **Staff will not undertake any preparation or heating of packed lunches.** All food must be ready to eat as provided.
- **If a packed lunch does not meet the required standards,** your child will be provided with a nursery meal and you will be charged the standard meal fee for that day.
- **If non-compliant packed lunches are provided on a repeated basis,** we will continue to support you to meet the healthy eating standards. However, you will always have the option to provide a compliant packed lunch for future sessions if you wish.

Please note:

Payment for meals is not a condition of accessing your funded place, and you are always entitled to provide a **compliant** packed lunch as an alternative to nursery meals.

This policy is in place to protect the health and wellbeing of all children and to ensure we meet our commitments under the Healthy Eating Award.

Fully Free Funded Places: A limited number of fully free funded places are available, delivered as set sessions with no flexibility or extras. If you wish to access a fully free place, please contact us to join the waitlist. Session allocation is based on availability, and no additional hours or flexibility are available for these places.

Summary Table

Included with Inclusive Service Fee	If You Do Not Pay for Extras
All meals, snacks, drinks	Provide packed lunch/snacks (must meet healthy eating standards)
Food tasting/cooking activities	No participation
Enhanced celebration activities	No participation
Christmas party and celebration treats	No participation
All craft/gardening materials	Must supply all materials
Themed crafts/gifts for special days	No participation
Competitions/prizes	No participation
Community trips and outings	No participation
Gardening club/materials	No participation
Guest workshops/special events	No participation
Family parent app access (meals, daily updates, photos, messaging, digital learning records)	Not included (statutory EYFS assessments only, as a short, printed summary)

Support with Childcare Costs

You may be able to claim back some or all of the cost of optional extras through Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit. Please ask us for more information.

If you have any questions about charges, healthy eating requirements, or what's included in your child's funded place, please speak to a member of our team. We're here to help!