



Thank you for choosing Sunbeams as your childcare provider. We are delighted to welcome you into the Sunbeams family and to support your child on their exciting learning journey.

Sunbeams began in 2006 with a simple but passionate aim: to provide the highest standard of childcare in a nurturing, inspiring environment.

I am incredibly proud of what we have built through dedication, hard work, and a genuine love for early years education. The wonderful team beside me shares this commitment, and together we strive to create a setting where every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to shine. We look forward to being part of your little one's early years and watching them grow, learn, and thrive.

### **Funded hours and rates for attendance at Sunbeams.**

It is well documented that the hourly rate paid by the government for early years funding falls far short of the true cost of delivering excellent quality care and education for your child. The government demand transparency whilst inhibiting our ability to charge appropriately. Our EVC (Essential Voluntary Charge) is based on the shortfall between our hourly rate and the government funded rate we receive.

At Sunbeams we want every child to have the same opportunities to top quality learning and care, so we refuse to attach an individual cost to every tiny facet, activity or consumable. We provide far more than just paint and baby wipes. We know the true hourly cost to send a child to our settings, therefore our EVC (Essential Voluntary Charge) has been calculated over the year and is the same for every child, depending on weekly attendance and if they are term time or all year around.

This fee incorporates everything that we do over the course of the year to nurture, educate and care for your child in a safe and stimulating environment and allows for Sunbeams to deliver enhanced learning for your child.

Whilst it is essentially a voluntary charge\*, it relies upon ALL parents understanding the model and contributing to it to enable us to:

- Deliver enhanced learning for your child providing first class education and care
- Fund supernumerary management, administrators, SENDCOs and operate with higher than minimum ratios for safety and quality
- Offer flexible, funded hours all day, every day without limiting access for parents\*
- Remain viable and sustainable
- Improve and replace resources
- Improve and maintain our building - indoors and out

Please see the back page for our EVC fees guide – please ensure you look at setting, age and how many weeks your child will attend. Due to the flexibility offered, only the most common uptake hours are included in the table, please contact us if you would like help with calculations for variants.

\*Sunbeams reserves the right to keep under review.

*Kirsty*

**Sunbeams Managing Director**



We provide a convenient Parent Portal via a handy app, offering many valuable benefits: Personalised weekly observations with photographs that celebrate your child's learning journey. Daily updates sharing the activities your child has enjoyed, helping you initiate meaningful conversations at home. Parents can communicate through the portal, helping you stay connected with the team, and view a clear and accessible schedule of your child's sessions so you can easily keep track of upcoming days. With instant access to invoices and receipts, everything is stored in one convenient place.



Sunbeams provides a healthy breakfast as well as diverse and nutritious food for morning and afternoon snacks. Making busy mornings just a little easier for families. Menus change daily to encourage children to explore new tastes and enjoy positive food experiences. Eating as a group helps children build social skills, share conversations, and develop good table manners in a relaxed, positive environment.



We believe creativity should have no limits! Exploring freely through arts, crafts, messy and sensory play, spark imagination, supporting early learning, which leads to wonderful, cherished creations. It isn't just fun – it's a fundamental part of how children grow, learn, and express themselves. We won't limit the supplies and we provide tried and tested aprons to help protect clothes.

Engaging in learning walks with small groups involves visiting local shops, taking bus rides, and exploring train journeys. This initiative focuses on teaching road safety while discovering the cultural diversity within our communities. It develops communication and cooperation. We provide extra staff and fabulous Hi-Vis vests.



Library visits foster a love of books by engaging with literature and enhancing skills through group reading. These visits encourage thoughtful choices in reading materials and promote dialogue among the children.

Visiting our local nursing home offers a chance to enhance social skills and empathy through meaningful interactions. Engaging in games helps develop communication, community, and family bonds. Additionally; outings, whether by car or on foot, provide opportunities to learn about road safety and improve communication skills.

Learning about animal care is essential for keeping our pets healthy as well as teaching empathy and a knowledge and understanding of the natural world. Regular visits to the pet shop help us gather information on how to clean and feed our beloved tortoise Kevin and our fish, ensuring they thrive in their environment.



Cooking sessions are a recipe for teamwork, science and maths. From creating a shopping list and following recipes to weighing, measuring, and mixing ingredients, every step requires collaboration. The final tasting is the reward for everyone's cooperative efforts!

Fitness, dance and yoga sessions - physical fitness activities engaged with music and movement, mindfulness, grounding and stretching.



Our forest nursery offers all children the opportunity to experience the great outdoors through visits from the Muddy Munchkins team within the setting, or during our regular term time sessions at Dudsbury. Building resilience with the freedom they need to engage with nature. Developing risk-taking skills, strengthening communication and learning about the seasons and the natural world.



Birthday games and celebrations on or near your little ones special day, with fun birthday games sharing joyful moments with friends, while embracing British values.



Above ratio staff, including management and admin = happy parents, happy staff and safe children.

Our additional staffing allows us to offer true 'in-the-moment' planning, led by your children's interests. This flexibility means we can adapt activities as they unfold, creating a diverse, responsive learning environment where every child's curiosity is valued and supported.

Small group classes and personalized learning experiences designed to support unrecognised additional learning needs.