

Nursery Consumables

Policy Statement

We are committed to ensuring that every child has everything they need for a safe, healthy and fulfilling day. That's why we provide all the essential items to support their wellbeing, comfort and learning. This forms part of our high-quality care and plays a vital role in helping children build strong foundations to grow, develop and thrive.

By opting into our *nursery consumables charge*, families benefit from a convenient, all-inclusive experience where everything is taken care of. It enables us to offer meaningful and enriching opportunities - full of awe and wonder that goes beyond standard government funding.

The *consumables charge* is split into three categories, all of which are detailed in this policy. We aim to provide clear and transparent information so parents/carers can make informed decisions regarding their child's care and education.

Procedure

When government funding is being used, the following steps apply:

- During the registration, the Nursery Manager will explain the consumables charges listed on the fee sheet
- A clear breakdown and explanation will be provided upon request
- Charges are applied differently depending on your child's age (under or over three)
- *Consumable charges* will be split down into three categories:
 - Food
 - Non-Food
 - Enrichment Activities
- Parents/carers may choose to opt out of any category but must give one full term's written notice, received no later than the working day before the new term begins.
- A meeting with the nursery manager must be arranged prior to this to fully understand the implications of the opt out
- Funded hours must be used within a defined nursery session
- *Consumables charges* only apply to days/sessions funded by the government

Food Consumables

Healthy food supports children's development, learning and wellbeing. Our nutritious, balanced meals are designed to encourage healthy eating habits and shared mealtimes that build social confidence and curiosity.

Included in the food charge:

- Breakfast
- Two-course lunch
- Two-course afternoon tea
- Morning and afternoon snacks

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All meals are freshly prepared on site by our chefs and practitioners, with allergens and dietary needs being carefully monitored and managed. Providing consistent meals to all children in attendance supports our ethos for safety and inclusion.

If opting out:

- You must provide all meals and snacks for each day of attendance in accordance with our Home Packed Meals policy
- No meals will be prepared for your child unless you have opted in and the fee is paid
- If meals are not provided:
 - Your child must return home with you or be collected before the first meal/snack is served or
 - You must return within 30 minutes to deliver the meals required for the session booked
- If there is a consistent issue with the packed meals being provided or they do not meet guidance, then a meeting will be arranged to review this arrangement

Non-Food Consumables

To ensure comfort, hygiene and safety, we provide essential daily items. This allows us to meet every child's needs reliably and consistently.

Included in the non-food charge:

- Sun Cream (SPF50)
- Bed Linen
- Celebration/event resources outside of the EYFS
- Nappies, wipes and nappy creams
- Downloadable Learning Journal (via Satchel) at the end nursery, the final leaving day

If opting out:

- You must provide **all essential items daily**, and nothing can be stockpiled or stored at the nursery
- If any item is missing:
 - Your child must return home with you or
 - You must return within 30 minutes with the required items for the day
- Requirements include:
 - One nappy per three hours of attendance plus two extras
 - Wipes for each session
 - Suitable and in-date suncream
 - Suitable and in-date nappy cream
 - Fresh bedding daily (fitted cot sheet in good condition plus a cellular blanket or sleeping bag meeting safety requirements with the correct TOG rating)
- Children without suitable sun cream will not be able to access the outdoor spaces in hot weather
- Additional celebration activities are for children who are opted into the non-food charge only

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- Nappy cream will be signed into the nursery as non-prescription medication and will be administered in accordance with our Administration of Medication policy
- Opted in families will receive a copy of their child's learning journal upon leaving the nursery

Enrichment Activities

Our enrichment programme enhances your child's learning with new and exciting opportunities that support curiosity, creativity and their holistic development.

Included in the enrichment charge:

- Specialist enrichment sessions
- Local Trips
- Guest visitors and experiences

Each nursery offers a tailored enrichment programme. Speak to your nursery manager for specific details.

If opting out:

- Your child will not participate in enrichment activities
- These experiences are planned in advance and are only available to those who have opted in
- Alternative activities will be provided for children not attending enrichment sessions

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your options in more detail, please speak to the nursery manager. We are here to support you and ensure your child receives the best possible experience when with us.