

Consumables and Activities Contribution Policy



We are committed to providing a high-quality early years' experience for every child. To support this, we offer an enhanced, all-inclusive environment where children can benefit from a wide range of resources, experiences, and care items that go beyond the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory requirements.

Voluntary Contributions

In line with current government guidance, charges for consumables and additional activities must be voluntary. As such, parents and carers are not required to pay these contributions for their child to access their funded hours, and doing so is never a condition of accessing a funded place.

However, we do encourage families to support our Consumables and Activities Contribution, which enables us to provide a more enriching and well-resourced environment for the children. This contribution covers:

- Consumables: Nappies, wipes, nappy sacks, creams, cotton wool, face flannels, teething products, Calpol, Piriton, tissues and other care-related items to name a few.
- Activities: Special events (e.g. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Diwali, Christmas, Easter, Graduation), visiting specialists (e.g. Forest School, Zest Tots, Adventure Babies), and other enhanced learning experiences such as hatching chicks, science, growing and cooking activities to name a few, which are not directly covered by the EYFS requirements.

Why We Ask for Contributions

These contributions are key to ensuring we can continue to deliver an exceptional level of care and a curriculum filled with awe and wonder. They allow us to:

- Provide a seamless, all-inclusive package for working parents
- Offer children access to specialist tuition and engaging enrichment activities
- Celebrate important milestones and cultural events with high-quality resources
- Maintain our high standards in hygiene, comfort, and wellbeing

Opting Out

We understand that some families may choose not to pay the Consumables or Activities contribution. Please be aware that in such cases, your child will still receive their funded hours and full access to the EYFS curriculum, with no detriment to their care, welfare, or educational experience.

This may mean:

- Parents will be asked to supply their own consumables (e.g. nappies, wipes, creams)
- **Essential care will never be withheld or made conditional on payment. Where parental consent is in place, age-appropriate over-the-counter medication (e.g. Calpol for a temperature) will always be administered in line with our Administration of Medication Policy, regardless of whether a family contributes to this scheme**
- Children may not be able to attend certain optional extra-curricular or celebratory activities that carry an additional cost, but will still take part fully in the EYFS curriculum and core nursery activities

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- Some enhancements that support broader development may not be accessible, but this will never affect a child's access to their funded hours or day-to-day care

Keeping Costs Low

We have worked hard to keep our contribution costs as low as possible. For families who choose our All-In Package, these contributions are even more competitively priced and offer excellent value. Please contact us if you would like a private and confidential discussion about your childcare options. Our aim is always to work with families to ensure that every child thrives in our care.

In line with government requirements, our invoices and receipts are itemised, clearly separating funded hours, additional paid hours, food/consumables charges, and activity charges, so parents can see exactly what has been charged and confirm their funded hours have been provided free of charge.

Thank you for supporting our nursery's vision for excellence.

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