



Nursery Consumables Policy

Purpose

Our nursery is committed to providing high-quality early education and childcare in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Kent County Council's funding requirements.

We are transparent about any additional charges and ensure that no child is denied access to their funded entitlement because a parent chooses not to pay for optional consumables.

What Are Consumables?

Consumables are everyday items used by children during their time at nursery. These may include:

- Breakfast
- Snack Bar AM + PM
- Hot Lunch
- Tea
- Extra-Curricular activities
- Nappies and pull-ups
- Wipes
- Sun cream (with parental consent)

Nursery Fees

For children attending on privately funded hours, a consumables charge may be applied to cover the cost of these items. Current charges are outlined in the nursery's fee structure and are reviewed periodically.

Parents will be notified in advance of any changes to consumables charges.

Consumables Charge

The charge is entirely **voluntary** and covers the cost of the consumable items provided by the nursery.

A detailed breakdown of the current consumables charge is available from the nursery fee structure and is provided before parents accept a funded place.

Parents Who Do Not Wish to Pay

Parents who choose not to purchase the nursery's consumables package may provide their own agreed consumable items for their child.

Choosing not to pay the consumables charge will **not**:

- affect a child's funded place;
- reduce the number of funded hours available;
- affect the quality of education or care provided; or
- disadvantage the child in any way.

Nursery staff will discuss with parents' which items need to be supplied and how these should be labelled and replenished.

Government Funded Childcare

Children accessing funded childcare are entitled to receive their funded hours free at the point of delivery.

The nursery does not charge top-up fees for funded hours.

Any charges made relate only to optional goods or services that are not covered by government funding.

Meals and Other Optional Extras

Parents will always receive information about these charges before agreeing to use them and, where possible, alternative arrangements will be discussed.

Families Experiencing Financial Difficulty

We understand that families' circumstances can change.

If parents are unable to pay for optional consumables, they are encouraged to speak confidentially with the Nursery Manager so that suitable alternative arrangements can be agreed.

No child will be excluded or treated differently because a parent chooses not to pay optional charges.

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