

Consumable Extra Charge Policy for Parents

1. Introduction

This document outlines our approach to charging for consumables in line with statutory requirements and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Funded childcare hours are provided free at the point of access; however, providers are permitted to charge for additional services, including consumables, sessions outside funded hours, and optional extras. This policy ensures transparency for parents regarding when charges apply.

2. Fully Funded Sessions (No Charge)

We provide the following funded-only sessions at no cost to families, in accordance with government entitlements:

- 15-hour funded entitlement: 8:30am – 11:30am (term time only)
- 30-hour funded entitlement: 9:00am – 3:00pm (term time only)

During these funded sessions, no charges are applied for core provisions necessary to deliver the EYFS curriculum.

3. Consumable Charges Outside Funded Hours

Charges apply for any childcare hours outside the fully funded sessions or where families choose additional hours. These charges cover consumables such as food, snacks, materials, resources, and additional services not included within the statutory funding.

Flexi day £5

Full day £7

Half day £4

4. Session Options and Associated Consumable Charges

4.1 Full Day Session

- A full day session includes childcare beyond the funded hours. Consumable charges will apply to cover meals, snacks, additional resources, and extended provision.

4.2 Half Day Session

- A half day session (morning or afternoon) taken outside the funded hours will incur a consumable charge. This contributes to the cost of materials, snacks, and other resources used during the child's time in the setting.

4.3 Midi Day Session (9:00am – 3:00pm)

- The midi day session aligns with the 30-hour funded entitlement hours. If parents use only the funded hours, no charge applies. However, if the child attends additional hours before or after the funded session, consumable charges will be added.

5. Compliance with Statutory Guidance and EYFS

This policy complies with the statutory EYFS framework and funding regulations. We ensure that:

- No child is denied access to their funded entitlement because parents cannot or do not wish to pay for consumables.
- Consumable charges relate strictly to optional extras or hours outside the funded provision.
- Parents are informed of all charges clearly and in advance.

6. Transparency and Parental Choice

Parents may choose whether to access additional sessions or purchase optional extras.

Where a parent does not wish to pay for consumables, alternative options—such as sending a packed lunch or choosing funded-only hours—are available.

7. Summary

- Funded-only sessions (8:30am–11:30am for 15 hours and 9:00am–3:00pm for 30 hours) are free of charge.
- Hours outside these sessions incur a consumable charge.
- Charges align with statutory EYFS and funding requirements.
- Parents are informed clearly to support understanding and choice.