

Early Years Grant Funding

Early Years Funded Entitlement is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free high quality, flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the cost of meals, other consumables, extra activities, events and additional hours which are charged at our contracted nursery rates.

The following charges are voluntary and the items may alternatively be supplied by the parent.

Meals	£8.75p per 5-hour AM session, £6.75p per 5-hour PM session
Non-Food Consumables	£6.00p per 5-hour session
Activities & Extras	Ad-hoc charges offered to parents for special events

1. Meals include breakfast, snacks, a cooked lunch, tea and drinks as appropriate. This contribution from parents provides for quality nutritious meals that cater for Special Dietary requirements and Allergies.
2. The nursery is very careful to provide the children with fresh home cooked meals to avoid problems with allergies, intolerances and diet choices but recognise some parents may prefer to provide the meals, snacks and drinks themselves and if this is the case then please see our Opt-Out Policy for guidance. The nursery cannot provide refrigeration for packed lunches or reheat food supplied by the parent(s).
3. Consumables include items such as nappies, nappy sacks, wipes, creams, spare clothing, sun creams etc
4. If at any time the Early Years Funded Entitlement is withdrawn for any reason, the parent will be responsible for full payment of the appropriate fee(s) as shown on the "Our Nursery Fees" Sheets.
5. If parents need to reduce their hours, we ask for a term's notice. As reductions may affect your Early Years Funded Entitlement claim and depending on the hours involved or when the changes are asked for, they may not be allowed by your local authority until the start of the next term.
6. The terms of the Nurseries Facilities Agreement are applicable at all times.

If you choose to opt out of paying the Meals and the Non-Food Consumables charges, then we require the parent(s) to provide all meals and consumable items such as nappies, nappy sacks, wipes, creams, bibs, spare clothing, suncreams etc.

Please provide all meals and snacks for your child's time with the nursery in an insulated lunch box with ice blocks and include items such as spoons for yoghurt or other items needed in the food package.

Please follow guidance to supply your child with a healthy and nutritious diet from:

"Eatwell Guide" provided by Public Health England and

"A Healthy Balanced Diet for Children" Table provided by Department for Education

The nursery has a strict NO NUT Policy. Children or staff may have severe allergies or intolerances and to keep everyone safe. When health and safety matters do not dictate, parent(s) will be allowed to provide their own food but they should be mindful of the choices of foods being brought in and so please see the guidance on:

"Common Allergens in Food" provided by Department for Education

Examples of foods these can be found in are listed in the DfE's guidance but are not prohibited from the nursery unless you are made aware of an allergy by the setting.

All food should be age appropriate, so that the child can eat independently and should not need preparing by the staff. For example, ensure there are no round foods that are a high-risk choking hazard and so items such as grapes, tomatoes etc need to be quartered to try and reduce this risk.

The nursery is not able to supply refrigerated storage and therefore advise that you provide it in a suitable sealed container. The lunchbox must be clearly labelled with child's name and details of all contents.

Any waste or left over foods will be sent back home with your child. This is so that the parent can monitor what their child has consumed during their time with the nursery.