



Consumables & Enhancements

In April 2025 'The Early Years Statutory Framework' was updated by the Government and states that the funding which settings receive is to cover the cost of high quality and flexible childcare and is not intended to cover other costs, such as snacks, consumables, curriculum enhancements, additional hours or extra curriculum activities. The updated guidance also states that our charges must be clear and transparent to government funded parents/carers.

Our parents/carers will continue to be invoiced for a termly consumable/enhancements fee which will include snack charges, wipes, nappy sacks, sunscreen and enhancements which include the provision of festivals/ events, activities such as Zoolab, Alpaca visits, Petting Zoos, community visitors to the setting, trips, a Christmas event (**a separate charge will no longer be requested for the Christmas Party or jocks Lane**) and present, easter eggs and a leavers gift and graduation ceremony. All the fun and lovely extras that we like to provide for your children!

Our consumables/enhancements charge from April 2025 will be £1.50 per three hour funded session. Your consumables/enhancements invoice will be received with your start of term newsletter. This should ideally be paid by the first Friday of the term which is when we will plan our termly enhancements based on the monies that we receive. A consumables/enhancements charge will continue to **NOT** be requested from families in receipt of targeted funding or early years pupil premium. The government updates also state that our consumables/enhancements charge must be **VOLUNTARY**. Should parents wish to opt out of paying the consumables/enhancements charge, you will be required to provide your child with a daily healthy snack per three-hour session attended. The provided snack must meet our health & safety requirements and any allergies in the setting for which you will be given guidance. Should you opt out and forget your child's snack you will be invoiced 75p per three-hour session. Furthermore, should you wish to opt out you will also be required to meet the other consumables/enhancements that this charge covers which will need to be provided on/before the first day of term.

We understand that a consumables/enhancements charge is another outgoing for our families, however, we hope that you will continue to choose to support us in the prompt payment of your voluntary consumables/enhancements charge.

The government has inadequately funded early years provisions for many years and without your support we will be unable to provide the enhancements we wish to provide to achieve the best extended learning outcomes possible for your children.