



Plus Three Nurseries policy for Snack, Consumables & Optional Extras

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 parents/carers in receipt of any of the government funding.

Our parents/carers will continue to be invoiced for a termly consumable/optional extras charge which will include snack charges (a fruit/vegetable and carbohydrate plus milk/water) wipes (for wiping faces after a mealtime), nappy sacks and suncream. Optional extras which include but are not exhaustive to the provision of Festivals/ events, activities such as Zoolab, Alpaca visits, Reindeer visits, Petting Zoos, Community visitors to the setting, Pizza parties, Visits from the ice cream man, Off site trips, a Christmas event and present, Easter treats and a Leavers gift and Graduation ceremony/party. All the fun and lovely extras beyond the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' that we like to provide and wish to continue to provide for your children!

Should parents/carers wish to 'opt out' of our snack charge you will be required to provide a healthy snack for your child (one per 3-hour session that your child attends nursery) which complies with our 'Food and Nutrition Policy', any allergies or intolerances of other children in the setting and health and safety regulations for young children. Details of any allergies or intolerances will be provided to you by the Principal or Nursery Manager. It would be appreciated if the snacks are in a container clearly labelled with your child's name. Should you forget to bring a snack for your child, in the first instance we will call you to provide you with an opportunity to bring a healthy snack to nursery, alternatively as a 'one off' if your child stays for lunch we may provide them with a healthy item from their lunch box. Should parents/carers regularly forget to provide a snack for their child, and they have chosen to 'opt out' of our snack charge a discussion will take place regarding this as by 'opting out', parents/carers are agreeing to provide this for their child.

Should parents/carers wish to 'opt out' of our consumables charge, you will be required to provide consumables like but not exhaustive to wipes, nappy snacks and suncream for your child. These should be clearly named and provided to nursery at the start of each term. You should provide enough consumables to last your child for the whole of the forthcoming term.

Should parents/carers wish to 'opt out' of our optional extras charge for the activities above that are outside of the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' and not covered by your funding, you will be contacted in advance of the activity as to whether you wish to make a contribution for your child to take part in this activity. **Please note that our policy is that no activity runs at a loss and should enough contributions not be received any planned activity may be cancelled.**

Our snack, consumables and optional extras charge is currently £1.50 per three hour funded session. The breakdown for this is 50p snack (per 3 hour session that your child attends nursery), 25p for consumables and 75p for optional extras. Your consumables/optional extras invoice will be received with your start of term newsletter, along with the scheduled term dates and optional extras that are planned for the forthcoming term. This should ideally be paid by the first Friday of the term to enable us to plan any further termly extras based on the monies that we receive. Should you wish to 'opt out' of any of the individual charges you should do so by sending an e mail to 'plusthreenursery@aol.com' by the end of the first week of each term.

A consumables/optional extras charge will continue to NOT be requested from families in receipt of targeted funding (FRAS) or early years pupil premium.

We understand that a consumables/optional extras charge is another outgoing for our families, however, we hope that you will continue to choose to support us in the payment of this to enable us to offer opportunities beyond the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' for your child.

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