

Consumables Explained

Following new legislation from the government regarding funding for 9-month-old babies to 4-year-old children; we have revised our information to provide greater transparency regarding our consumable charges.

Our consumables are itemised below, to show what these charges are for and how the money is spent to provide the best care and education for your child.

A consumable charge is made when your child attends nursery and is using their free entitlement hours, as these hours do not include consumables.

Consumables are defined in the following categories: meals, Forest school, extra resources and additional EYFS enrichment.

Meals

Our nursery menu has been devised to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious meals for your child. Our qualified nursery cook expertly delivers high quality nursery meals to tempt young appetites, accommodating for all allergies and intolerances.

Breakfast	Snack – AM and PM	Lunch	Tea
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Hot main course	Freshly prepared hot or cold meal
Toast and spread	Milk and milk alternatives	Homemade dessert	Yoghurt
Cereals		Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Milk and milk alternatives			

For further information – please see our seasonal menu displayed in the hallway.

Forest School

Our forest school session takes place using the vast outdoor area we have available to us. The sessions are led by a Forest School leader, who holds a level 3 Forest School lead qualification; in addition to this, several other staff members support the session.

Forest school is a long-term process of regular sessions. It uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for being, development and learning.

Forest school aims to promote holistic development for all involved, fostering resilient, confident and creative learners.

Our forest school sessions include the use of protective and waterproof clothing if required.

Additional EYFS enrichment activities

During the nursery year we plan and devise many activities which bring enrichment to our curriculum, which go above and beyond the basic requirements of the EYFS. This includes visits from exotic animals, invited guests, soft play sessions, entertainers, music and movement sessions, yoga and dance, sensory play session, trips within our local area (with additional staffing), graduation party, gardening activities, seasonal gifts and celebrations, chick hatching, feeding and caring for our animals.

Other Resources

As part of the consumable package, we provide the following (which is not an exhaustive list):

- Calpol
- Sun Cream
- Baby Wipes
- Tissues
- Cotton Wool and Baby Lotion
- Sanitiser
- Nappy Sacks
- Parentzone App

Opting Out of Consumable Charges

As a parent, you have the option to opt out of the consumable element of your child's funded entitlement hours.

What does this mean?

This means that you will have to provide the following when your child attends their free funded session:

- All meals and snacks
 - Further guidance will be given regarding our pack lunch policy to ensure the safety of children with allergies and dietary requirements.
 - We do not have the facilities to refrigerate packed lunches, therefore any food that is sent must be able to withstand no refrigeration.
- Forest School Sessions
 - Unfortunately, these are in addition to the EYFS requirements, therefore would not be made available to your child.
- Extra EYFS Enrichment Activities
 - Unfortunately, these are in addition to the EYFS requirements, therefore would be restricted.
- Resources
 - We would ask parents to provide as necessary, according to your child's individual needs.

Breakdown of consumables

Full day consumables charge - £20.

This is broken down as follows:

- Consumables - £3
- Meals and Snacks - £11
- Forest School and additional EYFS activities - £6

Half day consumables charge (Morning or Afternoon session) - £15

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- Consumables - £3
- Meals and Snacks - £6
- Forest School and additional EYFS activities - £6

As a setting and as a sector, the government funding is already way below the level to cover the cost of a provision such as ours, given the standards of our environment, level of staffing and the continued program of investment into the nursery to make it one we are truly proud of.

Please understand that this is out of our hands and in a bid to not reduce the number of funded hours that we allow parents to offset against their invoice.

We are asking parents to support us and pay the non-mandatory consumables charge, which we feel offers fantastic value for money and has a positive impact on your child's care, education, experience and well-being.

Woodend nursery has a limited number of funding only places, for more information, please speak to the manager of the nursery.