

# **Consumables & Enriched provision charges 2025**



## **What does the government funding cover?**

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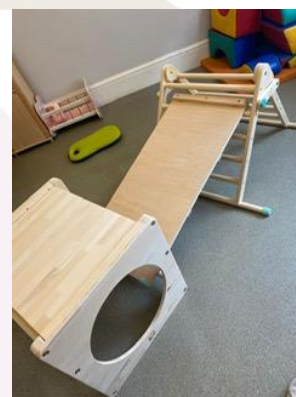
## What does a free funded space mean?

From April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places, to clearly be transparent in their charges for consumables, additional services or enhanced provision. The government funding of 15 or 30 hours free childcare per week covers a child accessing the basic provision within a childcare setting - what we offer beyond this as a service should be transparent and parents should have the option to 'opt out' of the additional charges.

## What is not covered by my government funding?

The government funding does not cover the cost of the following

- *Meals, desserts and snacks*
- *Enriched activities such as cooking, playcentre, outings and special experiences*
- *Non-food consumables - Nappies, wipes, nappy cream, suncream etc*
- *Special events and extra curricula activities i.e. party and gifts*
- *High quality resources that enhances sensory and physical exploration.*
- *Enhanced staffing ratio's.*



## **The reality of nursery funding**

### ***‘An underfunded political problem’***

Many nurseries are choosing to stop offering funded places because the government funding does not cover the true cost of quality early years education.

Historically, settings have covered this cost by charging for all the additional things they do, over and above the 'basic provision'.

We have always covered the cost of our enhanced provision by making a charge called 'consumables'. This has allowed us to provide our funded children with a rich curriculum full of learning opportunities and experiences.

At Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool, we want to continue offering funding places, but this is only possible if parents understand why we make a weekly consumable charge and 'opt in' to continue to pay as they have been doing.

Without this cost being met in this way, we may need to reduce the level of enrichment activities we provide or stop funded places in the future.

We appreciate that our parents have opted to send their child/children to our Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool as they wanted the full enriched experience. Charging a consumable fee to parents to access our enhanced provision will allow us to continue to maintain the exceptional care and learning experiences we have delivered in the past.



## What happens if I 'Opt out'?

At Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool offering children experiences and opportunities to enhance their learning and help mould and build who they become in their life is our highest priority, alongside safeguarding all children. The Government funding does not cover a child's 'whole' nursery experience.

As a setting we can offer a completely free funded space if Parents choose to 'opt out' of paying consumables charges not covered by the government funding.

### What this will look like?

- *Sessions only 1-6 or 1-5*
- *You must bring all food and drink from the list of healthy choices provided - the list must be strictly adhered to be in line with our food/allergy policy.*
- *Your child would not participate in enriched activities such as accessing the playcentre, baking, incredible egg experience and more.*
- *Your child would not be covered for special events such as 'Zoo lab', 'Christmas parties or visitor occasions such as fire engine visit.*
- *They must bring in all non food consumables required for their day such as named nappies, wipes and creams (nappy and sun cream)*
- *You will be required to bring in a apron or overall for your child to wear during messy play and lunch times - this will be returned at the end of each session to be washed.*

- *Funded hours will be arranged based on our availability, this means you child's days may change from term to term depending on nursery availability.*

## **what happens if I continue paying consumable charges – ‘being opted in’ cost breakdown**

The cost is broken down into 3, consumables, Non consumables and Enrichment costs and this can clearly be seen on your invoices. For 15 hours funding it is at a total cost of £23.25 per week and for 30 hours £46.50 per week. If you are on the stretched funding this will be amended accordingly.

### **What does this include?**

We will provide your child with nappies, wipes, nappy creams and suncream to meet your child's needs. We will also provide aprons for lunch and for messy play which will be washed and cleaned daily.



A nutritious menu that offers healthy choices for breakfast, morning and afternoon snack and a two course lunch and tea. Each of our menu choices considers the importance of a well-balanced diet, looking at the intake of sugars and salts.

Special/seasonal events i.e Easter, Christmas and other religious festivals to celebrate different cultural experiences. Graduation with leavers photo shoot and leavers party before starting 'big school' and gifts.



Enriched activities such as accessing the sensory and soft play rooms within our attached playcentre.

Your children will experience outings to the beach, park, library and woods, gardening, cooking sessions, duckling/chick experience, Zoo lab, emergency service visits and so much more throughout their nursery

**1 X FREE SESSION PER TERM AND 25% OFF BIRTHDAY PARTIES IN OUR ATTACHED PLAYCENTRE**

**If you choose to opt out, please fill in the form below and return to the nursery office.**

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to 'opt out' of paying the consumable charge. I understand that I will need to provide my child/children with the following in order for the staff to meet my child's needs within the funded space.

- Nappies, wipes, nappy cream, sun cream,
- Afternoon snack and drink from the list provided,
- A packed lunch and drink for tea from the list provided.
- An apron for meal times and messy play.

I understand that Cherry Blossom Nursery and Preschool can change my child's days termly.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

