



## **Consumables Policy – Funded Only Places**

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The policy outlines how Cherry Lodge Childcare manages and charges for consumables used during childcare.

Here at Cherry Lodge Childcare, we aim to be transparent and fair with parents and carers regarding any costs associated with these items.

### **CONSUMABLES CHARGED TO PARENTS**

Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare over a maximum period of 38 weeks per annum. It is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.

Cherry Lodge Childcare charges parents/carers for consumables that fall outside of the daily learning and development needs of the children. These chargeable items are as follows and is subject to change:-

- Wipes
- Emergency nappies
- Suncream
- Non-Prescribed medications (Calpol and Piriton)
- Family app
- Themed days and the resources specifically purchased for these
- Stay and Play sessions
- Baking activities which fall outside of specific learning activities
- Specialist activities (sports coaching, dance classes)
- Graduation
- Gifts
- Family Christmas event
- Use of the mini-buses for trips out
- Library visits for smaller ratios
- Special events / parties in the settings

The cost associated is calculated as a daily charge of £4.00 per session for funded only sessions.

All of these examples contribute and enhance the basic curriculum of the EYFS, as well as making lasting memories for the children. You are within your rights to decline the consumable charge but it will affect your child being able to take part in a variety of activities and events which take place throughout the calendar year.

Parents will be able to opt-out of paying these charges and will be provided with the option to provide their own supplies subject to allergens based in the child's room. Parents are able to pay on an ad hoc basis per item for your child to be included.

### **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

Parents will be notified of any potential costings during the initial showround at the nursery and are provided with a clear breakdown of charges in the general prospectus information.



Parents will be provided with a copy of this policy upon enrolment. We will communicate any changes to the policy or charges in a timely manner. We will provide regular updates on the usage of consumables and any associated costs.

Parents will be able to discuss any concerns or questions regarding consumables with the nursery management.