



Funding and Consumables Policy

1. Introduction

Monkton Nursery is committed to providing high quality, accessible, and affordable childcare. This policy sets out how we deliver funded early education places and how we manage charges for consumables, services, and additional hours in line with government and local authority funding guidance.

2. Government Funded Early Education

We offer government-funded early education and childcare places for eligible children ages 9 months to 5 years old, subject to availability.

- Universal entitlement: Up to 15 hours per week for all 3 and 4 year olds (570 hours per year).
- Extended entitlement: Up to 30 hours per week for eligible working families (1,140 hours per year).
- Two-year-old entitlement: For eligible families based on government criteria.

Funded hours are offered free of charge; we do not require parents to pay a fee as a condition of accessing their child's funded place.

3. Delivery of Funded Hours

- Funded places are offered across our normal opening hours, subject to availability.
- Hours will be taken as part of a "stretched offer" across the year.
- Funded hours must be agreed in advance through a Parent Declaration Form.

4. Consumables and Additional Charges

Government funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering childcare only. It does not cover consumables or additional services.

To ensure the sustainability of our nursery, we make a reasonable 'Supplementary Fee' charge for the following:

- Meals, snacks, and drinks.
- Wipes, creams, and other personal care items.
- Extra-curricular activities (e.g. football sessions, Forest School sessions, music sessions, parties).
- Resources such as craft materials, sun cream, and baking ingredients.
- Further information on what is included in the supplementary fee can be found in the 'Supplementary Costs' document.

Parents may opt out of paying the supplementary fee. Parents who opt out will receive:

- Access to the basic EYFS provision as funded by the government
- Their funded hours free of charge

However, opting out means:

- Parents must provide all meals and snacks for their child, in line with our food policy. Due to safeguarding children with allergies, all food must be provided in original packaging with ingredients clearly listed.
- Parents must supply their own consumables, including wipes, nappy sacks, sudocrem and sun cream. If we have to use Monkton consumables there will be a charge for these resources.
- Additional activities such as football sessions, Forest School sessions, Summer and Christmas parties will not be included.
- Funded hours for opt-out families will be arranged based on availability. This will mean that days may change from term to term, dependent on nursery availability.

5. Additional Hours

- Any hours attended beyond the child's funded entitlement will be charged at our standard hourly rate. These charges will be made clear in our fee schedule.
- If a child benefits from 30 hours funding and only accesses 2 days attendance each week, we will use reasonable endeavors to offer you extra day sessions when available, to use the remaining funded hours entitlement.

6. Transparency and Communication

- The supplementary fee will be clearly shown on all invoices.
- Parents will not be required to pay for additional hours or services as a condition of accessing their child's funded place.
- We will provide parents with a copy of this policy at the point of registration.

7. Deposits and Registration Fees

- We charge a refundable deposit to secure a child's place, which will be returned once the child leaves the nursery. The deposit is forfeited if the place is cancelled before the child starts nursery, or if days are cancelled before the child starts nursery (eg reduce from 4 to 3 days).

8. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually in line with government guidance and local authority requirements.

Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date policy was revised
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