

Little Rainbow Consumables and Enhanced Activities Optional Charges Policy

We are committed to providing a high-quality early years' experience for every child. To support this, we offer an enhanced, all-inclusive environment where children can benefit from a wide range of resources, experiences, and care items that go beyond the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory requirements.

In line with current government guidance, charges for consumables and additional activities must be voluntary. As such, parents and carers are not required to pay these contributions for their child to access their funded hours.

However, we do encourage families opt in our EYFS enhanced charges, which enables us to provide a more enriching and well-resourced environment for the children. This additional EYFS enhanced package covers:

- **Consumables:** Nappy sacks, cotton wool, face flannels, and other care-related items.
- **Activities:** Special events (e.g. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Diwali, Christmas, Easter, Graduation), visiting specialists (e.g. Yoga, Drama, Sports), and other enhanced learning experiences such as science and cooking activities which are not directly covered by EYFS requirements.
- **IT apps** used to communicate and record special moments and electronic development reports in a convenient and easy to access format.
- **Meals:** Nutritious and balanced meals and snacks freshly prepared in house by our experienced chef.

Why we have additional charges

These contributions are key to ensuring we can continue to deliver an exceptional level of care, provide nutritional and balanced meals, and a curriculum filled with awe and wonder. They allow us to:

- Provide a seamless, all-inclusive package for working parents
- Offer children access to specialist tuition and engaging enrichment activities
- Celebrate important milestones and cultural events with high-quality resources
- Maintain our high standards in hygiene, comfort, and wellbeing

Opting Out

We understand that some families may choose not to pay these additional charges. Please note that in such cases, your child will still receive their funded hours and access to the EYFS curriculum. However please note the following:

- Parents will be asked to supply their own consumables
- Parents will be asked to provide their own meals according to nursery policies and government guidelines
- We will be unable to administer over the counter medication, and you will be asked to call in to administer or collect your child in such circumstances
- Children may not be able to attend certain extra-curricular or celebratory activities
- Some enhancements may not be accessible such as some aspects of Family and/or other apps.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your options, we welcome open and confidential conversations. Our aim is always to work with families to ensure that every child thrives in our care.

Thank you for supporting our nursery's vision for excellence.