

Consumables and enhanced provision

For funded sessions, there is a consumables fee attached for snacks, activities and enhanced provision. The charge is per AM and Pm session and relates to parts of the session not covered by the funding and for services not linked to the Nursery Education funded place. The charge is a single charge of £8.20 per session and covers the following:

Snacks:

- *(am session) - A variety of fruits/ veg or carbohydrate snack (pm session) – includes a variety of fruits and vegetables, carbohydrate snack such as toast, crumpets, rice cakes and hummus.

- *Allergy alternatives

- *Cows milk and milk alternatives

- *Utensils, kitchen equipment, plates, bowls, cups, and the replacement of

- *Staff time for food preparation and washing up. Food is prepared in accordance with the food standards Agency Early years Food choking Hazards and Guidance.

- *Costs for food storage and waste disposal relating to snacks and refreshments

- *Staff time for accounts administration, food ordering and regular menu and nutrition reviews

- *PPE – protective wear such as aprons and gloves

Consumables:

- *Special occasion activity resources for Christmas, Easter, Chinese new year, Diwali etc...

- *Cooking and Gardening activity supplies

- *Gloves/aprons for the application of suncream, personal care, nappy changing and food handling etc.

- *Suncream

- *Ad hoc consumables (nappies, wipes, should a child's personal supply run out from home)

- *Staff time for ordering and accounts administration/ delivery charges relating to consumables

Activities and enhanced provision:

This covers activities and enhanced provision to enable us to provide additional experiences and an enhanced level of care for our families over and above the childcare provision that the government funding covers.

- *Providing and replacing additional activities including woodwork, sewing, clay, baking etc..

- *Poetry basket membership

- *Christmas party/ school leavers celebration and activities during our summer and Christmas fun weeks

*Additional staff costs for increased staff to child ratio's for nursery outings to church at Christmas and easter/ visits to the local residential home and other nursery outings.

*The costs involved in creating and administering your child's learning journey, giving you something to keep and look back on. Learning diaries are not a requirement of the EYFS

*Enhanced staff training over and above the Governments minimum requirements such as speech and language training/ the curiosity approach training/ children's mental health/ Early years trauma and attachment training to name a few.

*Additional staffing cost over and above the minimum government requirements. All of our staff except for one are level 3 qualified and above with numerous years of experience. We believe this gives a better quality of care for your children. Some of the enhancement charge goes towards paying the additional rate per hour that a level 3 practitioner is paid. In September 2023 the minimum child to adult ratio was changed from 1:4 to 1:5. At Highdale we still work to the 1:4 ratio to enable the children to receive an enhanced level of care and attention.

Although the consumable and enhanced activities charge is not mandatory, without parents willingness to pay it we would be forced to make the decision to alter and strip back the childcare we are offering. We would need to employ less qualified/experienced staff and remove all elements of our enhanced provision and even consider limiting or removing the offer of funded spaces altogether. This is due to the government not covering cost to deliver good quality childcare. We are proud of being an outstanding setting and are fully committed to providing the best care and learning opportunities for our children, always putting the child at the heart of our provision.

Please see our parent provider agreement for terms and conditions.