



Consumables and Additional Charges Policy

Aim of the Policy

At Woodlands, we aim to be transparent about any charges for consumables and optional extras. This policy explains what consumables are, what may be charged for, and how this aligns with Suffolk County Council Early Education Funding guidance.

Early Education Funding

We offer the Government's 15 and 30 hours funded early education entitlement.

- Funded hours are free at the point of delivery
- Funded hours are available between 9am – 3pm
- No mandatory charges are made to access funded hours
- Parents may take up funded hours without purchasing consumables or Additional extras

What Are Consumables?

Consumables and Additional are goods, materials or resources that are used, consumed or require replacement during a session and are not included within the core funded early education.

Charges for **consumables and additional charges are optional** and parents may choose whether to purchase them or provide their own alternatives.

What Your Consumables and Additional Charges Consists Of -

- Milk (blue top, oat/soy only)
- Nappies, pull-ups & wipes spares (for when parents forget or children run out)
- Formula milk
- Spare clothing
- Sun cream
- Craft materials - printing ink, sugar paper, card, glitter, stickers, sequins, tissue paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, pompom's, feathers, lolly sticks etc
- Baking ingredients – pan cakes, Chinese noodles etc
- Sensory and Messy play resources – shaving foam, homemade playdough, gloop, slime, glitter ice cubes
- Gardening materials - seeds, compost, plants, gardening tools, gloves
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Music – Alexa

Optional Extras (Not Consumables)

In addition to consumables, parents may be charged for optional extras, including:

- Trips and outings
- Transport costs
- Visitors and enrichment activities
- Specialist sessions (e.g. music, yoga, forest school)
- Online learning journal (EYLOG)
- Printed learning records or memory books
- Celebration events – Graduation, Christmas, gifts for children, visit from Santa

Parent Choice

- Parents are not required to purchase consumables
- Parents may provide suitable alternatives (e.g. packed meals, nappies but will be charged if not provided and will be expected to pay)
- Children will not be excluded or treated differently if parents choose not to purchase consumables

Transparency of Charges

- All consumable charges are listed clearly and provided in advance
- Charges are invoiced separately from funded hours
- Consumable charges are reviewed regularly

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with Suffolk County Council guidance, the EYFS, and current legislation.