

Consumables and Activities Contribution Policy

At Blue Windmill 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.

Voluntary Contributions

We invite families to make a voluntary Consumables and Activities Contribution to help support additional resources and experiences which are not covered by government funding.

These contributions help us provide a wider range of optional consumables, enrichment opportunities and enhanced resources throughout the nursery.

Examples may include:

Consumables

- Creative and craft materials
- Baking and food tasting ingredients
- Gardening seeds, compost and planting materials
- Celebration resources and keepsakes
- Sensory play materials
- Hygiene and care consumables such as tissues and paper towels

Activities and Enhancements

- Dance and movement sessions
- Gardening and nature-based projects with our Resident Gardener
- Seasonal celebrations and cultural events
- Occasional visiting experiences or workshops
- Enhanced outdoor learning resources
- Science, sensory and cooking activities

Our outdoor environments and gardens are an important part of nursery life, and contributions help us continue to invest in planting, growing areas, sensory experiences and child-led exploration opportunities.

Choosing Not to Contribute

Families are not required to pay voluntary consumables or activity contributions in order to access their funded entitlement.

Children will continue to receive their funded hours and access to the EYFS curriculum whether or not contributions are made.

Where families choose not to contribute, parents may occasionally be asked to provide certain personal consumables or specific optional items linked to enhanced activities.

Keeping Contributions Reasonable

We aim to keep all voluntary contributions fair, transparent and affordable. Contributions are reviewed regularly to ensure they reflect actual costs and remain in line with current funding guidance.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this policy, please speak to the Nursery Manager. We are always happy to talk through individual circumstances confidentially.