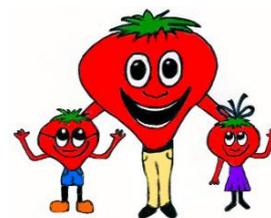


Little Strawberries Nursery School

Consumables & Enhanced Provision Charges Policy

January 2026



At Little Strawberries Nursery School, we believe every child deserves the best possible start in life and we pride ourselves on providing this service to enable parents to work and live their daily lives knowing their children are cherished and cared for to the highest standard.

This policy explains what is included in your government funding, what we offer beyond that, and why we make our consumables charges.

As the government funding free hours do not cover all costs a day at Little Strawberries Nursery School.

Under new legislation, we have provided transparency to parents and an option to "opt out" of consumables charges, if the parent only wants to access the funded hours only {with no charges}

Funded sessions are capped at 10 hours per day by the government and in line with these guidelines we are only able to fund a maximum of 10 hours funding per day. We also do not offer childcare by the hour. As a Little Strawberries parent, you will be sent an invoice monthly, which shows your child's funded hours as well as any chargeable non - funded hours and the fee for food and consumables. So, it'll always be clear how many funded hours have been used each day.

At Little Strawberries we offer full time and part time spaces at a consumable rate the prices are listed below.

Babies (9 months and above)

Half day (8-1 or 1-5.45) - £10

Full day (7.30-5.45) - £17

Toddlers (2 years - 2 years 11 months 30 days)

Half day (8-1 or 1-5.45) - £9

Full day (7.30-5.45) - £16

Pre School (3 years - 4 years 11 months)

Half day (8-1 or 1-5.45) - £8

Full day (7.30-5.45) - £16

These consumables cover everyday consumables, enabling environments, meals, drinks and snacks, our unique, ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum, colleague value programme and preparing children for positive transition to school, early opening (7:30 - 8) and late close (4:00-5:45)

Prices may be increased on an annual basis due to natural increase of the financial year in April 2026. Parents / carers will be notified of this in due course.

For full time places the maximum we can claim is 10 hours a day however on stretched funding it is 22.5 hours per week.

At Little Strawberries you are required to now attend a minimum of 3 full days, unless previously discussed with management.

Policies can be changed at the discretion of management and parents will always be update.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING COVERS THE BASICS

Government funding covers basic Early Years Foundation Stage {EYFS} provision, which includes items such as.

- Small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books, and basic craft supplies.
- Sand and water play.
- Loose parts and construction toys.

- A staffing level that meets minimum government ratios.

Funding is provided for settings to offer a basic provision of EYFS that meets statutory requirements.

WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT FUNDING NOT INCLUDE

- Nutritious Home cooked meals, breakfast, desserts, snacks, Fresh fruit drinks and a high tea.
- FAMILY APP portal access for learning journey and all communications, administrative supplies.
- Wipes, Ointment's, sun cream.
- Extra Optional Activities and events such as Graduation, Christmas concerts, parties, Easter, Mother's Day morning, Father's Day, etc etc.
- Enabling environments with state-of-the-art equipment and resources.
- Dance, yoga, singing classes.
- Weekly baking all ages.
- Visits, trips
- Early morning start and late finish out of school hours.
- At Strawberries we only hire highly qualified teaching staff with experience and extensive on-going in-house training.

We strongly believe that early year's education should be rich, engaging, and full of real-world experiences. To go beyond the basics and provide the quality of care and learning we are proud of, we offer an enhanced provision which costs more to delivery than government funding.

We appreciate that our parents chose to send their child/children to Little Strawberries Nursery as they want the best possible start in life which we have been offering since 2002.

We offer this by charging a voluntary monthly consumables fee to parents accessing enhanced provision will allow us to maintain the exceptional care and fun learning experiences we are very well known for.

However, if you choose to opt out of the additional consumable charge your child will need to be collected from Nursery prior to lunch time and returned after 1pm, as unfortunately for the safety of all our children, should you choose to opt out we cannot allow pack lunches or home - prepared hot lunches due to the severity of allergies we have on site. This decision has been made after careful consideration and is based on several important factors; nutritional consistency, here at Little Strawberries we ensure that all children have access to well balanced and nutritional meals whilst we understand pack lunches are convenient, they can vary greatly and often have higher fats, salt and sugars. Independence and learning, mealtimes at nursery can offer essential learning opportunities, such as using cutlery which supports fine motor skill development. Lastly food safety hot meals undergo a reheating process to above 75 degrees which helps to reduce harmful bacteria levels for safer consumption. In contrast pack lunches pose a higher risk due to being stored out of the fridge for several hours and not undergoing the reheating process. We have had this policy in place since we opened to 2002 due to Hannah the Nursery owner having severe allergies also.

Our Nursery Chef provides a nutritious meal to cater for all allergies, dietary requirements and any special diets.

Also the basic EYFS provision as funded by the government.

If at any point your circumstances change, and you are unable to claim the free funded hours you must immediately inform management.

You will be asked to sign a OPT in or OPT out form going forward, if you choose to change your choice it must be given prior to the following term.

