



Consumables Contribution “Opt out” policy. Apr 2025

As of the 1st April 2025 our consumables contribution charge now must be voluntary for government funded hours, however, by paying this charge it allows your child to fully access the full experience we offer here at Little Explorers.

If you choose to “Opt out” of paying this contribution, you must email at the beginning of each half term and then must provide every item that is listed below, each day as we are unable to store items here. It is very important that we try and keep the children’s experiences here at Little Explorers the same no matter if you choose to pay this contribution or not. Therefore, each item must be as described on the list and be provided each day.

- Breakfast - A small pot of either cornflakes, rice crispies or weetabix.
- Morning snack – 1 slice of wholemeal bread, a small pot of butter.
- Afternoon snack – A pot with some cut up fruit and a breadstick or cracker. Cut up cucumber, carrots and pepper with a small amount of dip ie. Hummus. Any snack sent in must meet our “Food and nutrition policy”.
- Afterschool snack (only needed for children staying until 4pm) – 2x buttered crackers and a pot of cut up fruit.
- Pack of wet wipes.
- 3 pairs of powder free vinyl gloves
- 3 nappy sacks or a spare clothes bag for wet clothes.
- For children in nappies, please provide extra gloves and nappy sacks
- 2 sets of spare clothes

Things that we will no longer be able to provide:

- Tapestry updates and printed photos for your child’s learning journal.

For our “Enhanced activities” that go beyond the basic EYFS requirements, we might ask for a donation if your child takes part or ask for items to be brought in for home;

- Baking sessions
- Costs incurred for trips to the park, library bus, or village outings
- Seasonal and event-based crafts and take-home gifts
- Gardening club activities
- Parent stay-and-play sessions (e.g., Christmas stay-and-play, Mother’s Day tea, Easter stay-and-play, Father’s Day tea, Sports Day, Music and Arts Festival, End-of-term party/graduation)
- Gifts for the children (Christmas, Easter, Graduation/leavers)
- Parties/feasts/celebrations for the children (eg Christmas, Diwali, Chinese New Year etc)

For activities from external providers (Music and Arts festival, Diddi dance sessions, Jiggy Wrigglers etc), if you wish your child to take part, we will ask for the cost of your child’s place at that session which will be billed to you separately.

Please be mindful that the money that we receive from the Government for funded childcare, only covers the childcare element of their place here. It does not cover all the extra little things we do and provide for your child. Therefore, if we don’t ask for this small contribution, we will be unable to continue to provide a fully enhanced curriculum and experience for all.