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CONSUMABLE AND EXTRAS – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION POLICY

Policy Statement

In line with government funding guidance, Oakbridge Little Learners provides funded early education places in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Government funding covers the cost of staffing and the delivery of the statutory EYFS curriculum.

Families may choose to make **voluntary contributions** towards consumables and additional activities that enhance the nursery experience but are **not a requirement of EYFS-funded provision**.

No child will be excluded, treated differently or disadvantaged if families choose not to make a voluntary contribution.

What Government Funding Covers

Government 15/30-hour funding supports:

- Nursery staffing costs
 - Delivery of the EYFS curriculum
 - Basic EYFS resources and equipment
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Consumables (Not Covered by Funding)

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Craft materials beyond basic EYFS provision
 - Paper goods and hygiene supplies
 - Cleaning products and PPE
 - First aid consumables
 - Additional learning resources
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Extras (Not Covered by Funding)

Examples include:

- Meals and snacks
- Liquid medication such as paracetamol (Calpol) or antihistamines
- Cooking and gardening activities
- External providers (e.g. PE, music, mindfulness)
- Seasonal crafts and special resources
- Parent Stay and Play sessions or celebrations

Voluntary Contributions

Families may choose to make a **suggested voluntary contribution** of:

- **Consumables:** £0.20 per day
- **Extras:** £0.80 per day

Full details are provided in the nursery's **Consumables and Extras Information Letter**.

If Families Choose Not to Contribute

Consumables

- Children will continue to access full EYFS-compliant provision regardless of contribution status
- Families may be asked to provide snacks from home in line with the nursery's **Packed Lunch Policy** and DfE Healthy Eating Guidelines
- Where items are not suitable, a supportive discussion will take place to ensure children's needs are met

Medication

- Medical care is **never dependent on payment or contribution**
- Medication is administered strictly in line with the nursery's **Medication Policy** and **Calpol Policy**



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- Emergency medication may be administered with parental consent and professional medical guidance
- Parents/carers may be contacted if a child is unwell and cannot remain in nursery

Extras

Where families do not opt into extras:

- Children will continue to access high-quality EYFS learning
- Alternative age-appropriate activities will be provided where necessary
- No child will be excluded from core learning opportunities

Examples:

- Seasonal crafts: items may remain in nursery or be offered as optional packs
- Stay and Play events: attendance may incur a separate charge
- Nursery clubs: alternative EYFS activities will be offered during sessions

Support and Individual Circumstances

We encourage families to speak to us confidentially if circumstances affect their ability to contribute. Each situation will be considered sensitively and individually.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with funding guidance and best practice.

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