



Additional Fees for Consumables

At St Richard's Nursery, we believe the early years should be a time of curiosity, creativity, confidence and discovery.

We provide a warm, nurturing home-from-home environment where children feel secure, valued and confident to explore the world around them. Our experienced and dedicated team provide a carefully considered early years curriculum which follows children's interests and individual development.

We are proud of the quality of care and education we provide and of the relationships we build with children and families.

Our approach

At St Richard's, children learn through play, exploration, relationships and meaningful everyday experiences.

Our spacious indoor and outdoor environments provide opportunities for children to investigate, create, communicate, problem-solve and develop their independence. Our practitioners know the children in their care well and use their interests and experiences to support their individual learning and development.

We believe that some of the most valuable learning happens naturally throughout the day – including during everyday routines and experiences.

Healthy snack – an educational experience

At St Richard's, snack time is much more than simply providing children with something to eat. It is an educational experience in its own right.

Children sit together with their friends and familiar adults, creating valuable opportunities to develop social and communication skills.

During snack time, children are supported to:

- Develop language and communication skills through conversation
- Listen to others and take turns
- Develop confidence and independence
- Make choices and express their preferences
- Develop an understanding of healthy eating
- Explore different tastes, textures, colours and foods
- Develop positive social experiences around food
- Practise independence and good hygiene habits

Our practitioners use these everyday opportunities to extend children's learning naturally through conversation, modelling and interaction.

We use the Healthy Plate approach to help children develop an understanding of balanced choices and positive attitudes towards food from an early age.

Our healthy snack includes a varied selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, cereals, crackers and cheese, together with drinks.

We believe these everyday experiences help children develop important skills and understanding that extend far beyond snack time.

Food and care consumables

Government-funded early education does not cover certain consumable items provided for individual children.

At St Richard's, we offer families a convenient Food and Care Consumables Package, which contributes towards the everyday food and personal care consumables provided during your child's session.

The package includes:

Healthy food and drinks

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Cereals and crackers
- Cheese and other healthy snack choices
- Drinks

Personal care

- Nappies and pull-ups
- Nappy sacks
- Wipes

Seasonal care

- Sun cream

Cost

The cost of the Food and Care Consumables Package is:

£3 per 3-hour session

For children attending a six-hour funded day, the charge is £6.

This charge relates specifically to the food and consumables listed above and is separate from the funded early education and childcare hours.

The convenience for families

We understand how busy family life can be. Our Food and Care Consumables Package means that St Richard's takes care of these everyday essentials while your child is with us.

Families choosing the package do not need to provide the relevant snack items or personal care consumables for each session, allowing your child to enjoy the same familiar provision alongside their friends.

Our team ensure that children's individual needs, dietary requirements and allergies are taken into account in accordance with our nursery policies.

Funded early education

St Richard's Nursery offers funded early education in accordance with the Government's Early Years Entitlement.

The funded hours are provided free of charge. The Food and Care Consumables Package is separate from the funded childcare provision and is not a charge for the funded hours themselves.

Families who choose not to purchase the consumables package can access their funded entitlement and make alternative arrangements for the relevant food and consumables, in discussion with the nursery and in accordance with our policies.

All children accessing their funded hours continue to receive the same high-quality education, care and continuous provision at St Richard's.

How charges appear on your invoice

Your invoice will clearly show your child's funded hours separately from any additional fees for consumables.

On Tapestry, these chargeable items will appear as "Extras" on your invoice.

This allows families to clearly see which hours are funded and which charges relate to the food and consumables provided by St Richard's.

More than just childcare

We want every child at St Richard's to have a rich, happy and meaningful early years experience.

From sharing a snack with friends and developing independence, to exploring our natural garden, getting creative, following their own interests and talking with familiar adults, children are constantly learning and developing.

Our practitioners make the most of these everyday opportunities to support children's communication, confidence, independence, social development and curiosity.

We believe that the quality of relationships and interactions is at the heart of excellent early years practice.

This is what makes St Richard's a home-from-home and creates the warm, personal experience that we want every child to enjoy.

Thank you!

We appreciate the trust that families place in us and are proud to provide a caring, stimulating and nurturing environment for your children.

Our aim is for every child to leave St Richard's feeling confident, curious, creative and caring, with a strong foundation for the next stage of their learning journey.

Thank you for choosing St Richard's Nursery and for being part of our nursery community.