



## Additional Charge for Consumables Policy

### Statement

At St Richard's Nursery we support every child to reach their full potential by offering a unique learning environment and nurturing growth with our team of skilled, experienced early years professionals. To maintain the high level of facility on offer, we apply an additional charge for consumables.

### Funding Background

The Government funding for early years does not fully cover the cost of delivering quality childcare. Many nurseries across the country have closed due to the financial pressures they have faced including nurseries local to our area such as Village pre-school Bosham and Daisy Chain in Westbourne. Without additional support from families, high-quality nurseries like St Richard's cannot exist.

### What Does the charge cover?

The charge enables us to:

- Provide daily essentials for snack time-fruit, drinks, vegetables, other consumables.
- Wipes, pull-ups, suncream, nappies, nappy sacks.

We understand that some families may consider opting out or only wish to pay a portion of the charge. However, the additional charge helps support **your child's nursery experience**- daily care essentials, carefully sourced resources to support child's development, training and the general care and experiences we offer every day. Unfortunately, we cannot offer part payment for the charge, and the opt-out option exists to promote an inclusive setting and is intended for families in genuine need, ensuring there are no barriers for anyone wishing to attend our nursery.

### Why do we charge?

Without the additional charge we would make a loss on what we provide and would make our future unstable as a setting. Your support really makes a difference and allows us to continue to maintain and improve practice and provision in all areas. We strive to provide a home-from-home environment encouraging your children to experience a wealth of learning opportunities which will become the foundation for their lives ahead.

See useful information page for details.

### Acknowledgement and opting in/out

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping shape St Richard's nursery to be the special place it is where your children are encouraged to develop curiosity, creativity and become caring towards the world around them.

Due to the administration costs involved in offering the charge we operate an 'all-in' or 'all-out' policy. Parents cannot choose which elements to opt in or out of. We require a term's notice should you wish to opt in or out.

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