



Enhance Provision, Consumables and Sundries Policy

This Parent Agreement outlines the arrangements relating to the Enhanced Provision at Little Delwood, in accordance with the DfE Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance (April 2025). This document forms part of your overall agreement with the nursery/kindergarten, alongside the Registration Form, Parent Agreement & Terms and Conditions, Fee Schedule, and Admissions and Funding Policy.

As part of our commitment to providing a high-quality early education and care experience, we supply a range of consumables, resources, and enrichment activities that go beyond the minimum requirements of funded childcare hours.

Purpose of this Policy

This policy outlines our approach to offering an Enhanced Provision that extends beyond the government-funded early education entitlements. It ensures transparency, fairness, and compliance with Department for Education (DfE) funding regulations.

What is Enhanced Provision?

We are proud to offer what's known as Enhanced Provision, this means we go above and beyond the minimum standards required to deliver high-quality early education and care for your child.

While all nurseries offering funded childcare must meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), our Enhanced Provision includes a wider range of resources, experiences, and qualified staff to enrich your child's development and learning.

At Little Delwood, Enhanced Provision refers to optional services and opportunities provided in addition to a child's funded place. These may include:

- Highly qualified staff
- Higher staff-to-child ratios
- Additional hours outside the funded entitlement
- Specialist sessions (e.g., zoo lab, farm visit, science professor, etc.)
- Extra-curricular experiences
- Extended resources
- High-quality meals, snacks, and drinks (when applicable)
- Consumables and personal care items
- Enrichment activities or enhanced facilities
- Strong focus on school readiness

These enhancements go beyond the government funded entitlement and are offered to enrich your child's experience, support their learning and well-being, and provide greater flexibility for families.

Why do we charge for consumables?



The DfE's funding for early education covers care and learning during funded hours only. It does not cover meals, snacks, personal care items, enrichment, or resources beyond the core educational entitlement. To maintain the quality of our provision and meet the expectations of families, we charge a modest daily fee to cover these extras. Our fee is kept as low as possible and reflects actual costs. We believe it represents excellent value and supports the wellbeing, development, and inclusion of all children.

Our consumables package ensures that:

- All children have equal access to high-quality resources and experiences.
- Parents are not required to supply or manage separate items.

What Are Consumables?

Consumables are items that support daily nursery/kindergarten operations but are not part of the free early education and childcare entitlement. These may include (but are not limited to):

- Nappies and wipes
- Snacks and meals
- Sun cream
- Craft materials for enhanced activities
- Personal care items
- Wet wipes and tissues
- Walks in the local community/woods
- Digital tools for child's learning journals and parent's communications
- Seasonal parties or celebrations
- Outings
- STEM enrichment sessions
- Visiting professionals (e.g. animal handlers, storytellers)
- Termly visit from outside agencies (e.g. Zoo Lab, Professor for Science week, Farm, etc.)
- Weekly Library visit - which consist of bus fare and baby chino from costa - maybe a snack from Waitrose (depending on weather)
- Eggs/ducklings experience
- Caterpillar/butterfly experience
- Graduation - t-shirts/ leavers gift which consist of present / refreshments for all
- Mothers day gift/celebration
- Fathers day gift/celebration
- Grandparents day celebration
- Christmas gift and carol celebrations - refreshments for all afterwards
- Christmas party for children (outside entertainer)
- Specialist visits (e.g. Mini First aid)
- Ice- cream van in the summer
- "People that help us visits" (e.g. police, dentists, etc.)
- Train/ bus trip
- Weekly cooking activities
- Gifts to the community from the children



- Higher ratios for walks around the community, park, woods, etc.

Fees for Enhanced Provision and Consumables

The fee is outlined clearly in your Fee Schedule and Admissions and Funding Policy. This charge applies to all children accessing funded hours unless an alternative arrangement is formally agreed in writing.

We understand that not all children follow the same pattern of attendance. Due to this, the enhanced provision and consumables fee is calculated and charged on a “per funded hour” basis.

Opting Out of our Enhanced Provision and Consumables

We understand that some families may wish to provide their own consumables. Parents have the right to opt out of these charges. We respect parents' right to opt out of consumables; however, please note:

- Opting out must be requested in writing at the time of registration.
- Due to operational, health, and safeguarding considerations, we are unable to accommodate partial opt-outs.
- You will be required to provide daily a complete and suitable alternative for any resources being opted out of. You will be informed of the resources list on a weekly basis.
- You will not have access to our digital tool Famly for parent’s communications or learning journals about the activities your child participated in. Suitable comms will be sent to you instead.
- Every private hour already includes the enhanced provision charge, so if you Opt out of this charge for the funding hours, you will not be able to access any private hours in the setting.
- Your child will not be able to take part in enhanced provision special activities/events. In some cases, due to operational constraints, your child might be asked not to attend a particular session. An alternative session will be arranged after discussion with the parent.
- Snacks, baby formula and Meals. If you Opt out, you will be required to daily provide meals and snacks for your child. These must be aligned to the menu on offer that day. You will be informed of the menu on a weekly basis.

Opt-Out Process

To do so, please:

1. Request and complete our Opt-Out Form.
2. Agree to supply suitable alternatives (e.g. meals, nappies, sun cream) in line with nursery/kindergarten policy.
3. Ensure items are clearly labelled and provided consistently. Failure to do so will result in your space being rescinded.

We will work in partnership with families to ensure all needs are met without any impact on the quality of care or learning.



No Impact on Funded Hours

Whether you choose to pay for enhanced provision and consumables or opt out:

- Your child will receive the number of funded hours they are entitled to according to our Terms and Conditions.
- There will be no impact on your access to high-quality early education.

Transparency and Review

We will:

- Clearly set out all optional charges in our parent communications.
- Provide at least one month's notice of any changes.

Review this policy annually or in line with updated government guidance.

For more information, or to request an opt-out form, please speak with the nursery/kindergarten manager.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery/kindergarten	Date for review
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