

### SVPS Consumables fee

You will all be aware that the way early years funding is delivered has recently changed. It has been extended to all eligible two year olds. This now means over 90% of parents have a funded place at SVPS.

This means that our ability to charge fees that reflect /cover our costs has been removed, unless we were to limit the number of funded places we offer. We do not want to do this as we are a community provision and do not want to take the move and become more aligned with the private nursery model.

Government funding does not match actual costs for eg. last year we charged £18.50 per session for a 3 year old, we were paid £14.64 for each funded session a loss of £3.38 for every funded session. If only half our children were 3+ and funded this would be an annual loss of fees of over £14 000. In the past we offset part of this loss with our private fee.

We are not allowed to charge the difference between our fees and the funded rate, but we are allowed to charge for extras; **a Consumables Fee**.

The consumables charge covers services which are not covered by the basic early years funding for example phonics, snacks, arts & crafts materials, cookery, providing and washing spare clothes, wipes & spare nappies, suntan cream, baking activities and some sundries.

We have in the past charged a small snack fee but the changes in funding and a second 10% rise in minimum wage has meant we have had to take the decision to extend our small fee and its range.

Many settings charge a supplemental hourly fee for funded places. We have decided a small one-off fee each day is fairer. A charge of £1.00 per funded session/day applies. The consumables charge applies to each funded sessions only and does not apply to paid hours. We feel it represents good value. Your place is not conditional on the payment of this fee.

If you have any concerns regarding this charge or it will cause you problems, please call me and we can discuss it further.

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