Albrighton Primary School & Nursery

Consumables Statement

Purpose of this Statement

At Albrighton Primary School Nursery, we follow the Department for Education's 2025 guidance on charging for meals, snacks, consumables and additional enrichment opportunities. Government funding covers the cost of delivering high-quality early education and childcare, but it does not cover meals, snacks, consumables, optional activities or additional hours.

Any contributions we request are voluntary, and we always offer practical and accessible alternatives in line with statutory requirements ensuring funded hours remain completely free at the point of use.

Funded Hours and Payments

We offer 15-hour and 30-hour funded childcare places depending on eligibility. Funded hours apply during our core nursery day of 9:00am–3:30pm.

Funding does not include meals, snacks, non-food consumables, externally sourced enrichment activities.

This is set nationally and applies to all providers.

We accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare. Parents are responsible for checking eligibility and ensuring codes are applied for and reconfirmed on time.

Meals and Lunchtime Provision

Hot meals are available at £2.80 per day, freshly prepared onsite. Parents may instead provide a home-packed lunch, which fulfils the DfE requirement that families must always have a no-cost option for food.

For children attending full-day sessions, we charge £4 for lunchtime supervision. To ensure this remains voluntary and compliant, parents who do not wish to pay can: collect their child at 12:00pm and return at 12:30pm or use any unused funded hours (if available) to cover the lunchtime period.

Voluntary Consumables Contribution

To support the cost of snacks, consumable items and a range of enrichment opportunities, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1.25 per day.

What the Consumables Contribution Covers

Snacks: Examples of snacks include:

- Crackers, cheese, ham, yoghurts, salad sticks, fruit, breadsticks, oatcakes, toast, malt loaf, cereal, milk. Dairy-free, gluten-free and vegan options are available.

Parents who do not wish to contribute may provide daily snacks from our approved snack list. To meet food safety and allergy requirements, snacks must be:

- provided daily, not in bulk
- chopped and prepared
- in a suitable container
- not contain any nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella

These requirements ensure we can safely accommodate children without creating barriers to opting out, as required by DfE guidance.

Enrichment Opportunities: Our enrichment activities are designed to broaden and deepen children's experiences. Activities may include (but are not limited to):

- Visits to the café and shop
- Animal Man experience
- Farm on Wheels
- Living Eggs hatching project
- Baking and cooking
- Seasonal food tasting
- pancake making
- flower arranging and other hands-on learning experiences

We aim to include all children in these opportunities, even when they fall outside their usual attendance pattern. The only exception is café visits, where capacity is limited.

Parents who do not wish to contribute can opt out of externally sourced enrichment activities. When this happens, we will always offer meaningful alternative learning experiences so that no child is disadvantaged.

Enrichment and the EYFS Framework

The enrichment offered at Albrighton Nursery sits above and beyond the statutory EYFS curriculum. The EYFS outlines the seven areas of learning that all children must access, and we deliver these in full for every child, regardless of whether parents choose to contribute towards consumables or enrichment.

Enrichment enhances learning but is never a replacement for the statutory curriculum and is always optional in accordance with DfE rules on charging.

Commitment to Families

We understand that circumstances vary, and we are committed to supporting families who may find contributions difficult. Please speak to us confidentially if you need support; we will always work with you sensitively and transparently.

We are committed to meeting DfE expectations for openness and clarity, including clear publication of charges and itemised invoicing.

This statement will be reviewed annually to ensure full compliance with current DfE statutory guidance.

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