

# Consumables and Activities Contribution Policy

At The Redbrick Day Nursery, we are committed to providing a high-quality early years' experience for every child. To support this, we offer an enhanced, all-inclusive environment where children can benefit from a wide range of resources, experiences, and care items that go beyond the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory requirements.

## Voluntary Contributions

In line with current government guidance, charges for consumables and additional activities must be voluntary. As such, parents and carers are not required to pay these contributions for their child to access their funded nursery place.

However, we do encourage families to support our **Consumables and Activities Contribution**, which enables us to provide a more enriching and well-resourced environment for the children. This contribution covers:

- **Consumables:** Nappies, wipes, nappy sacks, cotton wool, face flannels, sun cream, Calpol, Ibuprofen and other care-related items.
- **Activities:** Special events (e.g. Mother's Day, Christmas, Easter, Graduation), visiting specialists (e.g. SuperSports, Yoga), and other enhanced learning experiences not directly covered by EYFS requirements.

## Why We Ask for Contributions

These contributions are key to ensuring we can continue to deliver an outstanding level of care and a curriculum filled with awe and wonder. They allow us to:

- Provide a seamless, all-inclusive care package for working parents
- Offer children access to specialist tuition and engaging enrichment activities
- Celebrate important milestones and cultural events with high-quality resources
- Maintain our high standards in hygiene, comfort, and wellbeing

## Opting Out

We understand that some families may choose not to pay the voluntary contribution. Please be aware that in such cases, your child will still receive their funded hours and access to the EYFS curriculum. However, they may not be able to participate in some of the additional experiences or receive certain consumable items provided under our all-inclusive package.

This may mean:

- Parents will be asked to supply their own consumables

- We will be unable to administer over the counter medication and you will be asked to collect your child
- Children may not be able to attend certain extra-curricular or celebratory activities

Some enhancements that support broader development may not be accessible

#### Observations and Parent Engagement through EYLog

- As part of our commitment to high-quality care and communication, we use the EYLog system to document children's learning and development. This digital platform allows parents to enjoy regular insights into their child's experiences at nursery, with photos, observations, and developmental progress.
- Please note that access to EYLog observations is an exclusive benefit included in our All-Inclusive Package. Families who opt into this package will receive regular updates via EYLog. For those who choose not to participate in the All-Inclusive Package, the EYLog observation service is not provided.

This approach enables us to keep costs low while continuing to offer a rich and rewarding experience for families who support our enhanced care model.

#### Keeping Costs Low

We have worked hard to keep our contribution costs as low as possible. For families who choose our **All-Inclusive Package**, these contributions are even more competitively priced and offer excellent value.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your options, we welcome open and confidential conversations. Our aim is always to work with families to ensure that every child thrives in our care.

**Thank you for supporting our nursery's vision for excellence.**