



# Congresbury Community Preschool & Wraparound Care

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you may have seen in recent government announcements, changes are coming to the way early years providers charge for sessions.

From April 2025, the government has confirmed that all children must have the option to access their funded early years hours free of charge. Parents must be made fully aware of any additional charges and have the option to opt out or provide their own alternatives where applicable. Any charges passed on to parents must be transparent and must not create a barrier to accessing free early years education.

As a charitable organisation, **Congresbury Community Preschool** relies heavily on our consumables charge and fundraising to continue providing an enriched curriculum for all children. This charge helps us cover essential resources that enhance your child's learning experience. Enclosed, you will find a list of consumables that this charge contributes towards. While this list is not exhaustive, it provides a clear outline of the items included.

## Snack Provision

The consumables charge also covers the children's daily snack.

If you would prefer to provide your own snack instead, it must be one of the following:

Apple

Banana

Grapes (chopped into quarters)

Strawberries

Blueberries

Oranges

*Please ensure this is in a separate pot and clearly labelled with your child's name.*

This ensures that all snacks align with our **Healthy Early Years Guidance**, supporting good nutrition and healthy choices for children. Any alternative snacks brought in that are not on this list will be returned home.

## Opting Out of the Consumables Charge

For families who choose to access only the **free funded education** without paying the daily charge, you will need to provide at every session attended:

- **Materials** for activities such as arts and crafts for special occasions (e.g., Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, Christmas).
- **Pre-measured ingredients** for any baking activities - a list will be sent home the week before the activity.
- A **separate bag** (to be kept on your child's peg) for any washing to be sent home daily.
- You will need to ensure that daily your child is sent with enough spare clothes including wellies and coat, nappies if applicable, wipes, tissues and any items needed for activities during that day.

### **New Parental Agreement**

*Enclosed is a new parental agreement which lays out your options and we would like you to sign to say that you understand our charge and are happy to opt in, to paying the **£4 per full day (£2 per half day)** consumables charge, for both funded and private sessions.*

*This charge is not voluntary on any privately funded hours your child attends.*

**If you are experiencing any financial hardship, please speak to Charlotte or Vanessa in confidence to discuss how we can best support you.**

We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring that we can continue to provide a high-quality, enriched experience for all children. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.