



Chantlers

Primary School

A World of Possibilities

CHANTLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL CHARGING POLICY

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The Early Education and Childcare Guidance (1st April 2025) issued by the Department for Education (DfE) has been updated to ensure greater clarity and consistency around the management of the funded entitlement for parents, providers and local authorities.

What does the funded entitlement offer?

Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare for up to 38 weeks of the year. The 15 or 30 hours must be able to be accessed free of charge to parents.

This includes:

- Trained staff delivering the EYFS
- Use of the premises and learning environment
- Access to age-appropriate toys, furniture and resources
- Basic consumables required to meet learning and care needs e.g. water, tissues and craft materials.

Government funding **is not** intended to cover the cost of meals, other consumables, additional hours and additional services (Early Education and Childcare Guidance – A1.32).

The DfE guidance makes it clear that providers can charge for additional extras provided that parents are given an alternative option to access the funded hours free of charge (A1.33).

Our Offer and Charges

Our setting is committed to offering the funded entitlements to eligible families as we understand that they play a pivotal role in supporting parents/carers in covering the costs of childcare to enable them to work and to support children with their development.

As the funding does not cover the costs of providing meals, consumables and additional activities, parents are required to provide a packed lunch, which must be in line with our lunch box policy.

As a Pre-School, our operating hours align with those of the main school, with a lunch break mid-day. Children have lunch in the main hall, offering them a valuable school experience that supports a smooth transition into Reception. A fee of £5.50 per day will be charged for the lunchtime period.

Alternatively, parents have the option of a continuous provision. In these circumstances the school day will begin at 8.30am until 2.30pm. However, if parents request that their child remains in school until 3.15pm, they can pay for the additional hours at a rate of £7.50 per hour (pro-rated £5.50 from 2.30pm – 3.15pm) to account for the extended provision.

Snacks

Our setting provides a healthy snack, a piece of fruit or vegetable, and access to water and milk (through the nursery milk scheme).

Although milk is provided through the nursery milk scheme, parents must provide a milk alternative if their child has a dairy intolerance.