



Dolce Casa Montessori

Nursery Consumables Policy

Policy Statement




At Dolce Casa Montessori, we are committed to ensuring that every child has access to the essentials they need for a safe, nurturing, and enriching day. We provide a range of items that support children's wellbeing, comfort, and learning. These resources form an important part of our high-quality Montessori environment and help children develop strong foundations as they grow and thrive.

Families who choose to opt in to our consumables package benefit from a convenient, all-inclusive experience where everything is provided throughout their child's attendance. This enables us to offer meaningful, enriching opportunities beyond standard government funding.

We aim to provide clear and transparent information so families can make informed decisions regarding their child's care.

Consumables Charges

The table below sets out the consumables charges by age group and category. Families may opt in to all three categories or opt out of individual categories as needed.

Category	Babies	2–3 Years
 Food	£6.00	£9.00
 Non-Food	£6.00	£4.00
 Enrichment Activities	£3.00	£7.00
Total (all inclusive)	£15.00	£20.00

Charges apply only to government-funded sessions. Families who opt in to all three categories pay the combined total shown above.

Procedure

When government funding is used, the following steps apply:

- During registration, the Nursery Manager will explain the consumables charges listed on the fee sheet.
- A clear breakdown and explanation will be provided upon request.
- Consumables are grouped into three categories: Food, Non-Food, and Enrichment Activities.
- Funded hours must be used within a defined nursery session.
- Consumables charges apply only to government-funded sessions.

Food Consumables

Healthy meals are essential to children's physical development, wellbeing, and independence. Our balanced meals encourage positive eating habits and social confidence during shared mealtimes.

Included in the food charge:

- Two-course lunch
- Morning and afternoon snacks

Meals are freshly prepared, with all allergens and dietary needs carefully monitored.

If opting out:

- Families must provide all meals and snacks for each day of attendance, following our Home-Packed Meals Policy.
- No meals will be prepared unless the child is opted in and the fee is paid.
- If meals are not provided:

- The child must be collected before the first meal/snack, or
- Families must return within 30 minutes to deliver all required meals.
- If packed meals are consistently missing or do not meet health and safety guidance, a review meeting will be arranged.

Non-Food Consumables

To support comfort, hygiene, and safety, we provide essential daily care items that allow practitioners to meet children's needs consistently.

Included in the non-food charge:

- Sun cream (SPF50)
- Bed linen
- Nappies, wipes, and nappy creams
- Digital Learning Journal (downloadable at the child's leaving date)
- Aprons for messy play
- Spare clothing (available when needed throughout the session)

If opting out:

- Families must provide all essential items daily; nothing may be stored on site.
- If any item is missing, the child must either be collected or the items must be brought within 30 minutes.
- Requirements include:
 - Two nappies per six hours of attendance, plus two extras
 - Wipes for each session
 - Suitable, in-date sun cream
 - Suitable, in-date nappy cream
 - Fresh bedding daily (fitted cot sheet plus cellular blanket or sleeping bag with an appropriate TOG rating)
- Children without suitable sun cream will not access the outdoor space in hot weather.
- Nappy cream will be treated as non-prescription medication and administered according to our Medication Policy.

- Opted-in families receive their child's Learning Journal upon leaving the nursery.

Enrichment Activities

Our enrichment programme adds valuable, enjoyable learning experiences that support curiosity, creativity, and holistic development.

Included in the enrichment charge:

- Specialist enrichment sessions (such as yoga classes and music classes)
- Local trips
- Guest visitors and experiences

Each programme is tailored to the needs and interests of the children.

If opting out:

- The child will not participate in enrichment activities.
- Activities are planned in advance and only available to families who opt in.
- A suitable alternative activity will be offered during enrichment sessions.

If you have any questions about consumables or would like support with your options, please speak to the Nursery Manager. We are here to help ensure your child receives the highest-quality experience during their time at Dolce Casa Montessori.

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