Three Gables
Day Nursery & Pre-School

Funding Year 2026/27

Dear Families,

Opting out of Voluntary Food, Other Consumables and Additional Activities Charges

Other alternatives to volunteering to pay for the non-funded items we normally provide as a nursery, but which the Government do not fund.

We can facilitate you bringing in your own food and other consumables each day and can ensure that your child does not take part in the additional activities provided each day that are above the standard EYFS provision the Government pay for.

1. If you choose to opt out of food, you must provide the following each morning, which we will send back to you each evening.

   Breakfast – please send one measured portion of healthy cold cereal in a sealed plastic bowl. We will provide milk as normal as that is a funded item for every child under five. Once eaten we will empty the bowl of scraps and send them back sealed for washing and returning the next day.

   Snacks – please provide two healthy snacks in separate containers. These must be cut up in line with the Government's recommendations and must not be needed to be kept cold. Once eaten we will reseal the containers and send them home for cleaning and returning the next day.

   Cold lunch and High Tea – please provide in two separate, appropriately chilled containers two meals, one for lunch and one for tea. We are unable to store anything that needs chilling nor are we able to heat food so please ensure the containers are appropriate to ensure food is safe and the correct temperature. We have many allergens within the nursery; however, no item of food that includes nuts should ever be sent into the nursery. Our current allergens gluten, egg, wheat, soya and dairy.

   After the food has been eaten, we will remove scraps and reseal and return for washing and for use the next day.

2. If you choose to opt out of other consumables, you must provide the following each morning, which we will send back each evening.

   Nappies – please place 8 clean nappies in a named bag (separate to the food bag) each morning, we will send back any unused each day for you to top up and return the next day.

Wipes – please place a small number of wipes in an appropriate named container for us to use throughout the day. We will return any unused to you each evening to top up for the next day.

Nappy bags – please include 10 nappy bags which will be used for dirty nappies and to return any dirty clothing. We will return any unused item each evening to you to be topped up and returned the next day.

Protective clothing – please provide in a separate bag to the food and nappies, a suitable outdoor all in one suit, outdoor shoes, and any protective bib for mealtimes, all of which must be named. If you have not opted out of the additional activities, depending on the curriculum for that week, you may need to provide other protective clothing such as an apron.

Other items – included in the bag of protective clothing, please also place factor 50+ suntan lotion, this should be in the bag all year round, plus barrier cream. You will need to arrange for an individual serving of Calpol and Piriton to be safely stored by the manager who will advise when this has been used and therefore needs replacing.

If you choose to opt out of our diary of additional activities, we will of course ensure your child still enjoys the highest level of care and education. Although they will not take part in additional activities of Seasonal celebrations (including gift from the Easter Bunny), Cookery/baking, Visits, Little Garden Explorers, Yoga, Music and movement classes, Singing and sign-along sessions, Mindfulness sessions, Christmas party week (including a visit from Father Christmas), Birthday gifts, Lending library, they will spend this time taking part in the more usual activities that are always available at Three Gables nursery ensuring they will still enjoy the very best start in life.

Please feel free to discuss this further with me if you have any questions, particularly regarding healthy eating ideas, and as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Nursery Manager