



YMCA CHILDCARE

PART OF YMCA TRINITY GROUP

Voluntary Consumables Fee – Information for parents

Why are we charging a voluntary consumables fee?

While the Government promotes funded childcare as 'free,' in reality this funding does not cover all operational costs of running a nursery. Additional costs such as snacks, materials, cooking ingredients, and other activities and resources have become a strain on our childcare budgets due to increased cost in other areas such as national living wage, national insurance, business rates and utilities. Although our meals costs (breakfast, lunch and tea) are charged separately, snacks provided during each session has become more difficult to subsidise over recent years due to these rising costs.

How much is the voluntary fee?

We kindly request a voluntary contribution of:

- Up to 15 hours funding: £15 per term
- 16 to 30 hours funding: £30 per term

Why is this fee voluntary?

We believe every child should enjoy the same high-quality experiences and nutritious snacks, regardless of a family's financial situation. This fee is entirely optional, and no child will ever be excluded from receiving snacks if you choose not to contribute.

How does this fee benefit your child?

Your contribution helps us continue providing a wide range of healthy snacks during morning and afternoon sessions, ensuring children have the fuel they need to learn, play, and thrive.

What do I need to do next?

When you join the setting, we will ask whether you would like to contribute the termly amount. If you choose to opt in, the fee will be added to your invoice.

If you later decide to opt out, simply let us know in writing at nurseryadmin@ymcatrinity.org.uk.

We understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we truly appreciate any contribution you are able to make. If you have any questions or would like to discuss alternative arrangements, please speak with your Childcare Manager.

Thank you for your continued support and for choosing YMCA Childcare for your child's early years journey.