

Information for Parents: Chargeable Extras (From April 2025)

Choppington Primary School

The Government requires that all early education entitlement hours (15 or 30 hours) are free of charge to families. This means:

No parent can be required to pay for anything as a condition of accessing their funded place.

Any additional charges must be voluntary, and reasonable alternatives must always be available so that every child can access their place for free.

("There must not be any mandatory charges for parents in relation to the free hours.")

Below is how this applies in our school:

What We Provide for Free:

All extra-curricular activities are free of charge.

Most school trips request a voluntary contribution of no more than £5.

Consumables (e.g., nappies, wipes, sun cream)

Parents are expected to provide their child's consumables.

However: If these are forgotten, not provided, or in exceptional circumstances, school will supply them.

This is in line with the guidance, which allows providers to charge for consumables but requires that alternatives are available so the place remains free.

Meals

For children accessing full-time education:

Meals are charged at £2.40 per day, unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals, in which case meals are provided at no cost.

Meal charges are voluntary; parents may provide a packed lunch instead.

Description	Unit	Unit price	Line total
Free entitlement hours –15 hours per week. [30 hours to those eligible]	Weekly	Free	Free
Meals/snacks [School meals are £2.40 and snacks are provided for free]	Daily / Weekly / Per meal	£2.40	£2.40
Consumables (for example, nappies and sun cream) [No cost – parents required to provide these where possible]	Where required	Free	Free
Additional voluntary services (for example, trips, forest school sessions or foreign language lessons) [All school trips with the exception of residential have a maximum voluntary contribution of £5. No fee for forest school or extra curricular activities]	Ad Hoc	Various	Various
		Total	£