

## St Joseph's Pre-school

### Nappy Waste Disposal charge (voluntary)

We want to be as transparent as possible about how we use the monies from the above charge. This charge is voluntary and not a condition of accessing your child's funded or unfunded pre-school place.

For business', such as St Joseph's Pre-school, nappies are classified as an 'absorbent hygiene product', commonly known as sanitary waste and, therefore, require careful handling to prevent health risks and environmental damage. Nappy waste must be managed separately from general waste to ensure it is handled in a way that minimises contamination and adheres to legal requirements. We follow guidance from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs entitled "Simpler Recycling: work place recycling in England". Our waste disposal contractor in this respect is PHS.

By asking for a nominal voluntary contribution, the monies received helps us with our annual cost with regards to nappy disposal, ie. the provision of a specific bin for nappy waste and the regular collection/emptying of said bin.

The voluntary charge is only added to a child's invoice, under the heading "non-food consumables<sup>1</sup>", if that child is in nappies. However, you are welcome to **opt out** of this contribution.

At the beginning of each half-term<sup>2</sup> the Treasury Administrator will ask you to confirm (a) that your child is still in nappies (because they were the half-term before); and (b) whether you will be paying the voluntary contribution, currently £11.75/half-term<sup>3</sup>. You will need to ensure the Treasury Administrator knows of your decision by the start of the second week of the current half-term.

If you do decide to **opt out**, note that the early years staff will hand back your child's soiled nappies to you, or your approved alternative collector (adult), when you pick up your child at the end of a session.

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<sup>1</sup> As per Department for Education Statutory Guidance "Early Education and Childcare"

<sup>2</sup> 6 half-terms/year

<sup>3</sup> From 1 September 2025