



St Modwen's Nursery Provision and 30 Hours Funding: Charging Policy Statement

Overview of Funded Places

At St Modwen's Catholic Primary School, we are pleased to offer up to 30 hours of funded early education and childcare per week for eligible three and four-year-olds.

Government funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering high-quality, fully staffed, and compliant early education. It is not intended to cover the cost of meals, consumables, or additional services.

Accessing Your Fully Free Entitlement

- All eligible parents can access their full 15 or 30-hour entitlement **completely free of charge**.
- Access to a funded place is **never** conditional on paying for additional services, top-up hours, or optional extras.

Optional Extras and Consumables (Opt-In / Opt-Out)

To enhance our provision, we offer a range of optional services. Parents will be asked to complete an **Opt-In Agreement Form** before any charges are made. All charges are fully itemised on monthly invoices.

- **Optional Meals & Snacks:** We provide cooked midday meals and healthy snacks at a cost of:
 - **Autumn term 2026:** £3.75 per day/session.
 - **Spring term 2027:** £3.90 per day/session.
 - **Summer term 2027:** £4.00 per day/session.
- **Optional Consumables:** To cover specialised resources, crafts, and external facilitators, an optional charge of **£0** per week applies.
- **Optional Top-up fee:** Subject to availability, school can offer additional 15 Hours per week paid Top up sessions for families who are only eligible for the 15 Hour-Entitlement. For Academic year 26/27 the optional Top-up charge for 15 hours of **£87.00** per week applies. This enables parents who are only eligible for 15-Hour Free Entitlement to pay a Top-up fee (subject to availability) to enable their child(ren) to access a 30-Hour Nursery place. Paid Top-up fees will be detailed in Nursery Contracts.

Your Right to Opt Out

Every paid element of our early years provision is entirely voluntary.

- **Providing Alternatives:** If you choose to **opt out** of our optional meal package, your child will retain their full funded hours, and you are welcome to provide a healthy packed lunch.
- **No Penalty:** Opting out of voluntary contributions or consumables will not restrict or impact your child's access to their free 15 or 30 hours of nursery education.

To Opt-out please complete our 30 Hours Free Childcare: Optional Extras Opt-Out Form and return to admissions@st-modwens.staffs.sch.uk or a hard copy to the Admissions Officer in the school office.