



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 Additional Hours fee:** Subject to availability, school can offer additional 15 Hours per week paid 15 hour sessions for families who are only eligible for the 15 Hour-Entitlement. For Academic year 26/27 the optional Additional 15 Hours charge of **£87.00** per week applies. This enables parents who are only eligible for 15-Hour Free Entitlement to pay an Additional Hours fee (subject to availability) to enable their child(ren) to access a 30-Hour Nursery place. Paid Additional Hours 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.