



A notice about the voluntary charge requested towards the cost of providing food at Honeycroft.

Government funding covers your child's childcare sessions, but it does not cover everything your child uses while they are with us. This includes meals, snacks, extra hours, and other services.

We request a daily contribution towards the cost of providing food for each child who attends during 12pm to 1pm. This charge is voluntary as Honeycroft offers alternative fully funded session options which you can choose if you do not wish to contribute towards the cost of meals and snacks.

Like many nurseries, our costs have increased. Staffing costs have risen by around 15% since April, while government funding has increased by up to 3.6%. This means the funding we receive does not fully cover the cost of delivering high-quality care.

At Honeycroft we have a dedicated Food Supervisor, Emilie, who plans and prepares fresh, nutritious meals and snacks at Honeycroft. The voluntary contribution goes towards the cost of ingredients and preparation, which is not covered by government funding.

We believe providing healthy meals is essential for children's wellbeing and development. For this reason, we do not accept packed lunches or snacks from home. This helps us to:

- Meet Ofsted expectations for balanced, nutritious meals.
- Support children who attend long days with regular, freshly prepared food
- Maintain safe food storage and hygiene standards.
- Encourage social skills and independence through shared mealtimes.
- Safely manage allergies and dietary needs

We are always open and transparent about our charges. Any additional costs are explained at registration and outlined in our website and welcome pack.

You will receive a monthly invoice showing your funded hours and any additional charges, so you always know the total cost in advance. We do not ask for payment before services are provided.

We believe this offers best value, ensuring every child benefits from fresh, nutritious meals in a safe and well-managed environment.

If you would like to discuss this further or explore your options, please contact:

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