



11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Fee changes with effect from 1st April 2019

I am writing to inform you of the fee increases that will take effect from 1st April 2019. As in previous years, York Childcare trustees have conducted a review of nursery fee rates in order to notify customers in advance of increases required for the beginning of the new financial year.

A number of factors have been identified that will impact on nursery budgets over the coming year including the 4.9% rise in the National Living Wage and increases to employers' pension contribution. As well as the general cost of living increases, when setting the fee rate trustees have had to anticipate the yet to be identified costs of the impact of Brexit and the knock-on effect to our suppliers.

Since setting the rates in 2016, the government have provided no increase to the hourly rate of funding for children who are in 'Early Years' or 'Two Year Old' funded places; as costs increase, the gap between the funding received and the actual cost of delivering this childcare continues to widen.

As a consequence, with effect from 1st April 2019, the main rates that will apply are:

STANDARD FEES	UNDER 3	OVER 3
DAILY 8am to 6pm (Including snacks & home-cooked 2 course lunch)	£55	£52
MORNING (8-1) 5hrs MEALS & SNACKS AFTERNOON (1-6) 5hrs 3 HOUR SESSIONS	£32.50 £5 £32.50 £21.50	£30 £5 £30 £20.50
ADDITIONAL DAILY CHARGE FOR CHILDREN USING '30 HOURS FUND- ING' PLACES	N/A	£12

It has been agreed that at Joseph's Nursery, an additional charge of £5 per day will be introduced to new customers who take advantage of the earlier opening time of 7.30am.



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There is no change to the policy to make no charge for Bank Holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year. Parents booking a full-time place (that is, 5 full days a week) will continue to receive a 10% discount.

As a charity, every year York Childcare makes significant financial investment to improve the quality of care provided at each of our nurseries. The trustees ensure that any surplus funds generated are reinvested in the nurseries. For example, this year Heather's and Scarcroft Green Nurseries have benefitted from new flooring to many areas which has revitalised the learning environments. Continued investment at Joseph's Nursery has enabled children to access an increasing range of outdoor play and learning opportunities.

With the charitable objective to provide high quality early education and care, trustees and senior management aim to recruit and retain the highest qualified nursery practitioners and encourage and enable additional training opportunities to develop skills and knowledge. Parents of the youngest children will have seen the changes in the baby rooms following focused training.

York Childcare raises funds to provide the Assisted Places scheme which is available to support families subject to certain criteria. Although this is designed specifically for families on low incomes, please bear in mind that applications can be made to this fund when families suffer sudden financial changes that can lead to hardship. The current Assisted Place rate fee is available on application/ on the website and you are welcome to speak to your nursery manager who will guide you through the process.

Support and advice is available to all our customers on how to spread out the cost of childcare equally through the year, to make the most of any funding which your child may be entitled to. Please ask your nursery manager for details or contact Kate Joicey at generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk

More information about government funding is available via the childcare choices website at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you have any queries you are always welcome to contact us. To speak to a member of our friendly administrative team please call 01904 409763 or email headoffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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