



22nd January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Fee changes with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

I am writing to inform you of fee increases which will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. 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. The announcement of the 6.2% increase to the National Minimum Wage has driven the need to increase the fees – we have not passed on the full value of this increase and feel that with a careful budgeting strategy in place we can still operate on a sustainable basis by only increasing the fees by 4.5%.

As a consequence, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the main rates that will apply are:

<b>STANDARD FEES</b>	<b>UNDER 3</b>	<b>OVER 3</b>
DAILY 8am to 6pm (Including snacks & home-cooked 2 course lunch)	£57.50	£54
MORNING (8-1) 5hrs	£34	£31.25
MEALS & SNACKS	£5.25	£5.25
AFTERNOON (1-6) 5hrs	£34	£31.25
3 HOUR SESSIONS	£22.50	£21.50
ADDITIONAL DAILY CHARGE FOR CHILDREN USING 30 HOURS FUNDING PLACES	N/A	£13.50

- There is no change to the additional charge of £5 per day at Joseph's Nursery to customers who take advantage of the earlier opening time of 7.30am.
- York Childcare nurseries do not charge any fees for days when our nurseries are closed, averaging 8 Bank Holidays and the 3 days in-between Christmas and New Year, but in accordance with employment law we do still pay our staff for these days.
- Any family booking a full-time place (ie 5 full days a week) is entitled to a 10% discount.
- The Assisted Places scheme is available to support families subject to certain criteria (eg families on a very low income, eligible for certain state benefits). Applications can also 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



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welcome to speak to your nursery manager who will guide you through the application process.

- Information about government funding is available via the Childcare Choices website at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) – please take a look and see if you are eligible for any additional support which you're not already claiming.
- We offer our customers the opportunity to spread out the cost of childcare equally throughout the year which might be helpful if your child is entitled to Early Years Funding, as this funding is only available for 38 weeks of term time within the year. Please contact Kate Joicey on [generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk) for more details.

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 has continued to widen, although the local authority has announced that there will be an increase of 1p per hour from late April 2020.

If you have any queries you are always welcome to contact us.

To speak to a member of our administrative team please call 01904 409763 or email [generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk). Two of the Trustees who are on the Financial Sub-Committee have kindly offered to speak with any parents /carers who would like to discuss this fee increase. If you would like to arrange a time to speak with one of them please email [headoffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk) and we will put you in touch.

Yours faithfully

Karen Mawson  
(CEO) on behalf of the Board of Trustees