

1st December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a review of our nursery fees, we have made the decision to increase our hourly rates with effect from 1st January 2026. Government funding has increased above the rates we are presently charging and, due to increased costs and expenses, the current rate is no longer viable. We understand price increases are never welcome news, which is why we are keeping the rates as low as possible.

The increases are as follows:

- The hourly rate for 2 year olds will increase from £6.00 to £6.50
- The hourly rate for 3-5 year olds will increase from £5.00 to £5.50

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the funding available for childcare, so have a look at [Childcare Choices](#) to check what you are entitled to and find out how to apply.

You may be eligible to apply for:

- [Tax-Free Childcare](#)
- [Tax Credits](#)
- [Universal Credit](#)
- [Help while you study](#)

You may also be eligible to access free childcare if your child is aged 2 to 4 years. There are a number of free childcare options and these now include up to **30 hours of free childcare to working parents all under 5 year olds**. Click on the links below for more information:

- [Free education and childcare for 2-year-olds if you claim certain benefits](#)
- [15 hours free childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds](#)
- [Free childcare if you're working](#)

We are happy to accept childcare vouchers; however, you can only get childcare vouchers if you have already joined a scheme. This has now been replaced with [tax-free childcare](#).

Other funding available to childcare providers is listed below so if you think your child may be eligible for any of these, please speak with us to discuss.

- The Disability Access Fund (DAF)
- The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- Special Education Needs (SEN) Inclusion Fund

Please let us know if you have any questions or wish to discuss any further.

Kind regards,

Sarah Williamson
School Administrator