



Tuesday 14th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Fee changes with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

I am writing to inform you of fee increases which will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

We appreciate that 2023 is likely to be another tough year for all concerned with inflation still above 10% and government schemes to support the increase in utilities costs ceasing at the end of March. National Minimum Wage is also rising by just short of 10%.

Against this background, we unfortunately have no alternative but to make a further increase to the nursery fees which we are charging.

Accordingly, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, the main rates that will apply are:

<b>STANDARD FEES</b>	<b>UNDER 3</b>	<b>OVER 3</b>
<i>DAILY 8am to 6pm (Including snacks &amp; home-cooked 2 course lunch)</i>	<i>£70</i>	<i>£68</i>
<i>MORNING (8-1) 5hrs (Including snacks &amp; home-cooked 2 course lunch)</i>	<i>£48</i>	<i>£44.75</i>
<i>AFTERNOON (1-6) 5hrs</i>	<i>£41.75</i>	<i>£38</i>
<i>3 HOUR SESSIONS</i>	<i>£27.5</i>	<i>£27</i>
<i>ADDITIONAL DAILY CHARGE FOR CHILDREN USING 30 HOURS FUNDING PLACES</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>£16</i>

- *Any family booking a full-time place (i.e. 5 full days a week) is entitled to a 10% discount. Families claiming funded hours on a full time place during term time will have the discount applied to their non term time hours where they pay for five full days.*
- *York Childcare nurseries do not charge any fees for days when our nurseries are closed, averaging 8 Bank Holidays and the 3 days between Christmas and New Year, but in accordance with employment law we do still pay our staff for these days.*

- *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 parents/ carers 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 ask your nursery manager for details or contact Kate Joicey on [generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk)*

## **Charitable commitments**

As a charity we offer to support families in need of financial assistance towards nursery places and also those who are experiencing some kind of crisis. Because of our charitable status, York Childcare does not make a profit and any surplus generated is reinvested back into the nurseries.

The Assisted Places scheme is available to support families in need subject to certain criteria (e.g. 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 welcome to speak to your nursery manager who will guide you through the application process.

I would mention that although the government contributes towards the cost of early years education and care, the amount received still falls short of the actual cost of delivery. We anticipate that this year the shortfall will be between £15.15 and £24.70 per day per child, depending on sessions booked.

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

To contact a member of our administrative team please email: [generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:generaloffice@yorkchildcare.co.uk).

The Trustees have kindly offered to liaise with any parents /carers who would like to discuss this fee increase. If you would like to contact one of them please email [trustees@yorkchildcare.co.uk](mailto:trustees@yorkchildcare.co.uk) and we will put you in touch.

Yours faithfully

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