

7th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that the Committee has reviewed the costs of running our Preschool over the last year and have agreed that an increase in fees will be necessary. This will take effect on the 12th March 2018.

With the National and Living Minimum Wage set to increase again in April 2018 and as a service industry where salaries make up approximately 80% of our costs this will have a significant impact on us, as well as the increase in employer's pension contributions. Our food bills have also steadily been rising over the course of 2017 and our rent has increased. The rates which we get paid for Free Early Educational Entitlements hours have either not increased or increased by less than 1%. Taking all of this into account we have reviewed the last two years running costs and have undertaken a business health check and it has been deemed necessary to have contribution and fee increases to maintain the quality of our provision and to ensure we are financially stable.

We have made every effort to keep the fee increases to a minimum:

The prices from March 12th will be

2-3 years £14 a 3-hour session, £28 for 9-3

3-4 years £13.50 a 3-hour session, £27 for 9-3

We are also pleased to announce that we will be offering a new session, this will allow children to have the experience of stopping for lunch, and allow you a bit more time before collecting your child! This will particularly benefit the children who are going on to school in September to get them to get used to eating in a group setting. The cost of this session will be:

9am-1pm over lunch £18.50 session 2-3 years

9am-1pm over lunch £18.00 session 3-4 years

Children attending this session will need to bring a packed lunch with them.

In addition, in order to be able to continue to offer your child(ren) the widest possible range of activities, the committee would like parents to make a contribution for the following:

Snack Cost: For those attending morning sessions whose sessions are funded by the Council a 50p a week contribution for snacks.

PE Lessons: We currently have an external PE teacher who attends on a fortnightly basis to deliver PE sessions to our Wise Owl's on a Wednesday. The children greatly enjoy these sessions and benefit from them. To allow us to continue with this arrangement we would like to ask a contribution of £2.50 per session per Wise Owl to help cover some of this cost.

Contribution statements will be sent to each child on a monthly basis and we ask that they be paid by the end of the month.

We appreciate your continued support and feel that this still represents good value for money. Should you wish to discuss this then please speak to Emily or Allison.

With kind regards on behalf of the committee



Chairperson Emily Fletcher