

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: Changes to Flourish Fees – Effective 01.09.2024**

Each year we carefully review our fees to ensure that our nursery provision remains sustainable and ensures sufficient funding to continually offer the highest-standards of early education to all our learners within both the Nursery and Pre-School settings. With unprecedented increases in staffing costs, energy, food and educational materials again this year, it will come as no surprise that we sadly need to inform you of an increase to our Nursery fees for our 2 year old learners from September 2024. There is no change to fees for our 3 and 4 year olds at this time.

We appreciate that many of our families have also faced increased costs this year, and as such have done everything we can to manage fees to keep any increases to a minimum and ensure that our fees remain highly-competitive. This April, many of our families with 2 year olds have been able to access 15 hours funded childcare from central government. In September 2025, some families will also be eligible for top up funding to increase funding to 30 hours free childcare per week. With this in mind, we have staggered our necessary fee increase over a two-year period to align fee increases with the increase in accessibility of free funding for our families.

As such, our fee structure from September 2024 will be as follows:

Sessions	Duration	3-4 YO Fees (No changes)	2 YO Fees
Wraparound Care AM (Age3+)	1 Hr	£5.50 per child	NA
Full Day	6.5 Hrs	£35.75 per child	£42.90 per child
Morning	3 Hrs	£16.50 per child	£19.80 per child
Short Lunch	0.5 Hrs	£2.75 per child	£3.30 per child
Afternoon	3 Hrs	£16.50 per child	£19.80 per child
Wraparound Care PM (Age 3+)	1Hr	£5.50 per child	NA
Wraparound Care Late (Age 3+)	2Hrs 15 Mins	£11.00 per child	NA

Please note that we continue to offer 15-hour funded places for 2,3 and 4 Year olds through universal funding, Think2 funding and working families funding as well as 30-hour funded places for eligible families as normal and fee increases above will not impact upon Government funded places as additional funding has already been agreed by Staffordshire County Council.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school family for their continued support to the setting and if you have any questions regarding the changes to fees or session provision, please do not hesitate to contact us,



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Headteacher