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## RE: Pre-School Fee Increase September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you that we are having to apply a fee increase, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

In order for our Pre-School to remain viable and provide a long-term service for our community, we must increase our fees. Currently we charge less per hour than we are funded by the government to provide early years education and care. From September the hourly rate for Pre-School will increase from £3:50 to £4.40 per hour.

Our prices continue to be competitive and offer value for money with teacher led, high quality early years education and care delivered by a team of highly qualified, experienced early years practitioners. We appreciate that this may be difficult in the current economic climate, however we must at least match the local authority funding rate in order to remain sustainable. Without appropriate funding we would not be able to continue to offer the flexibility and high standards that you have come to expect of us.

The fees for Wrenthorpe Pre-School remain extremely good value when compared with other local providers, for example:

Area the Pre- School is in	Hourly Rate	Session	Day
Ackworth, Badsworth & Upton	£4.70	£14.50	£47.20
Aredale & Ferry Fryston	£5.00	£15.00	£50.00
Altofts & Whitwood	£5.00	£15.00	£47.50
Castleford	£5.00	£15.00	£48.00
Pontefract South	£4.50	£13.50	£45.00
Pontefract North	£5.00	£15.00	£50.00
South Elmsall	£4.50	£17.50	£45.00
South Kirkby	£4.50	£17.50	£45.00
Outwood	£5.00	£15.00	£51.40
East Wakefield	£4.90	£14.70	£49.00
North Wakefield	£5.00	£15.00	£46.50
South Wakefield	£4.50	£15.00	£45.00
West Wakefield	£4.50	£15.00	£45.00
Wrenthorpe (competitor)	£5.50	£16.00	£54
<b>Wrenthorpe Pre-School - us</b>	<b>£4.40</b>	<b>£13.20</b>	<b>£43.50</b>

Our proposed increase will take our fees to: £13.20 per session, £46.20 for the full day (7:30 – 18:00) and includes breakfast, drinks and snacks. This remains the lowest priced group day care available in the area according to the information published by the local authority as detailed above.

We will apply a 10% discount when full day sessions are taken over 5 days.

From September places can be taken on a term time only basis or 51 weeks of the year; your child's funding can be stretched over the full year. Please speak to Vickey if you would like to take up this provision.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Vickey Bruce. Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Lindsey Sykes.

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or Social Care Direct: **01924 303456**

Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be obtained from Pre-School or downloaded from the website.

For parents of children aged 3 and 4 who work the equivalent of 16 hours or more the government's 30 hours of funded early years provision may be available: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

We continue to employ fully qualified staff to work with your children, provide regular training for the team and work tirelessly to provide an engaging learning environment. I am sure you will agree that we continue to offer value for money for our high-quality Early Years Education and childcare provision. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at: [wrenthorpepreschool@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:wrenthorpepreschool@watertonacademytrust.org)

Thank you for your continuing support,



Mrs Becky Cook  
Executive Headteacher for Pre-Schools



Mrs Vickey Bruce  
Wrenthorpe Pre-School Manager