



A Sure Start Children's Centre

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North Halifax Partnership

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Increase in nursery fees from 1st April 2018

I write to inform you nursery fees have recently been reviewed by North Halifax Partnership, and it has been decided to increase nursery fees from 1st April 2018.

North Halifax Partnership has worked with all the day nurseries within the Children's Centres that they manage to review fees for the coming year and have tried to keep fee increases as low as possible; however rising costs such as increased wages costs due to an increase in National living wage, heating, lighting and other general inflationary costs have necessitated this increase. However our fees continue to be cheaper than most other providers in our local area.

For example:

	Full Day	Morning	Afternoon
Provider A	£40.00	£25.00	£25.00
Provider B	£45.00	£27.50	£25.50
Provider C	£43.00	£26.75	£24.00

We are making you aware of the forthcoming changes to fees now, in order for parents/carers to have sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements regarding funding sources such as Universal Credits.

To support parents/carers with childcare costs for children of all ages the Government introduced the Tax-Free Childcare scheme which is available to around 2 million households. You can open an online account which you can pay into to cover your cost of childcare, for every 80p you pay in the government will top up your account with an extra 20p.

To find out more about this scheme please go to:

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest-welcome>

30 hours childcare

For those parents/carers with children aged 3 & 4 years the 30 hours childcare scheme is available.

At this point we as Providers cannot check eligibility for you; to find out more about whether you may be eligible and how to apply please go to:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

If you need help with any information on support with your childcare fees or applications please ask at the main reception.

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Nursery fees from 1st April 2018

Full Time	Full Day	Morning	Afternoon
£190.00	£39.00	£23.00	£23.00

North Halifax Partnership aim to keep our nursery fees as competitive as we can and they are still under the local market rate; additionally we do not make any charges for registration fees or nursery closure days such as Bank Holidays/ training days.

We will continue to review our day care and fee structures to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of families whilst enabling us to deploy staff resources as effectively as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our work.

Yours Sincerely

Maureen Shepherdson
Senior Children's Centre Manager