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Dear Parents/Carers,

# Sure Start Children's Centres

#### North Halifax Partnership

Ash Green Children's Centre Sunny Bank Road Mixenden Halifax HX2 8RX

Tel: 01422 243941

## RE: Increase In Nursery Fees From 1st April 2023

I write to inform you that nursery fees have recently been reviewed by North Halifax Partnership, and it has been decided to increase nursery fees from 1st April 2023.

North Halifax Partnership has worked with all day nurseries within the Children's Centres they manage, to review fees for the coming year. We have tried to keep fee increases as low as possible; however rising costs such as energy costs, rising food and cleaning bills, salary increases and other general inflationary costs have necessitated this increase.

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 has introduced a Tax-Free Childcare scheme which will be available to around 2 million households. You'll be able to 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.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Additionally for those parents/carers with children aged 3 & 4 years the 30 hours childcare scheme may help. Again, to find out more about whether you may be eligible and how to apply please go to: https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

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

### **Nursery Fees from 1st April 2023**

#### Charges

Full Time	Full Day	Morning	Afternoon
£247.50	£49.50	£29.50	£29.50

### 30-hour funded places - additional charges

These charges will increase to £7.50 per day.



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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 <u>any</u> charges for registration fees or nursery closure days such as Bank Holidays/ Training Days.

Due to continued cost of living increases we need to make you aware that we may need to carry out a further review of our fees later in the business year.

As families will be aware, there is ongoing pressure on our budget which is funded by Calderdale MBC. 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

L. Hartney

Leanne Hartney Children's Centre Manager