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Update on Emneth Nursery fee increase and funding changes

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, we sent out correspondence to everyone in February about changes to the way we were going to be using the Government funding and our slight increase in fees. Since then, at the end of February, the Government have released a new document, detailing changes around funding.

The document details how we can use the funding and that they expect any changes to be implemented from 1st April 2025.

The changes to how we can use the Government funding are significant, and we are working with the local authority to establish with the Department for Education what this means for all early year's settings in Norfolk. Following a consultation with the local authority this week, we will be making some slight changes, and moving forward we will no longer be charging for the lunch hour as we do currently (charges for food will still apply).

Below you will find the funding arrangements from the 1st April 2025 for the Summer term. We do not know at this point whether additional changes will be required in the future, but we will of course update you if that is required.

All year round

For children who are all year round (i.e not term time only), funding can now be applied between the hours of 8am-5pm. You will remain responsible for covering the cost of meals (breakfast, lunch, tea), except snacks. We will continue to offer the option to stretch your funding across the whole year. The funding covers 38 weeks per year, and we will calculate the appropriate number of hours per week to allow for this extended distribution.

Term time

For children who attend term time only, you will now be able to take up to 30 hours of funding between the hours 8.30am-3.30pm. You will no longer be charged for the lunch hour, but any additional hours e.g. before 8.30am or after 3.30pm will still be chargeable. Meals such as breakfast, lunch and tea will remain chargeable as they are now.

Fee Table – last price increase 1 st April 2025		
Retainer fee to secure all year-round space	£75 (this will be deducted off your first invoice if your child attends)	
Hourly Rates	0 – 2 years	£6.50
	2 – 3 years	£6.10
	3 – 4 years	£5.90
Breakfast		£1.10
Lunch		£2.40
Tea		£1.50

We are in the process of updating our charging policy, which can be found within our finance policy.

If you require any further information or have any further questions regarding these changes in funding hours, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

S. Fairbrother

Sarah Fairbrother
(Chair of Governors)