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Dear Nursery Parents,

I am writing to inform you about an important change in our session structure and nursery fees policy that will be implemented from the 1st January 2025.

You will be aware, from my letter in January 2024, and your most recent newsletter from the nursery team that we have been conducting a review of our nursery fees. This was due for review in October. However, we felt it sensible to wait until the most recent Government budget announcements before our final decision making.

After careful consideration and thorough evaluation of our operational costs, it has become necessary to adjust our session structure and our fees to ensure the continued high-quality education and care your children receive at Little Pips and The Nest. These changes are essential to sustain the excellence in our provision and maintain a high standard in the care we give and in our learning environment.

We have always strived to provide a flexible service to families and hope that our new structure continues to offer flexibility to our families. There has been careful benchmarking with other nursery settings, as well as child minders, in the area it is clear that Little Pips Nursery and The Nest will still be offering a highly-competitive pricing structure. Several factors contribute to this decision, including increased operational expenses, enhanced educational resources, and ongoing efforts to attract and retain qualified staff. Our commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment remains unwavering, and these adjustments are vital to support the overall development and well-being of your child.

We understand the financial commitment you make to enrol your child in our nursery, and we assure you that these adjustments have been made with careful consideration with our Governors and with Local Authority Support.

We remain dedicated to transparency and open communication, and we are more than willing to address any concerns or queries you may have regarding the revised fees structure. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and ongoing support as we strive to create an enriching educational experience for your child.

Attached are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes,

Ali Pook

Headteacher

FAQS

What will our sessions look like from January 2025?

Session offer	The Nest	Two-year-olds (main Nursery)	Three-four-year olds
Early bird (7.30am-8.00am)	£5.55	£5.55	£5.55
Morning (8.00am-12.00pm)	£25.00	£23.80	£22.60
Afternoon (12.00pm-4.00pm)	£25.00	£23.80	£22.60
Short day (8.00am-4.00pm)	£50.00	£47.60	£45.20
Extended day (8.00-5.00pm)	£56.25	£53.55	£50.85
All day (7.30am-5.30pm)	£62.50	£59.50	£56.50
Night owl (5.00pm-5.30pm)	£5.55	£5.55	£5.55

Your best fit does not suit me what can I do?

We have looked at your current sessions and estimated your 'best fit' which can be found overleaf however, this may not work for you. If this is the case, please send an email to the main nursery mailbox detailing your preferred session times from January 2025 and we will get back to you. Any requests outside of your current booking e.g. adding an additional hour will be subject to our availability.

How can I use my funded hours (EYE entitlement)?

You can still use your early years entitlement across all parts of our nursery day, all additional hours will chargeable.

Can I drop and collect my child flexibly?

Yes, you can, if your child is booked for a morning session (8.00am-12 noon) but you would like to drop them at 8.45am after the school run you will just need to ring the nursery buzzer. The same will work for collections if your child is booked with us until 4.00pm but it is easier for you to collect at 3.45pm, this is fine. Further details will follow on procedures for drop-off and collection during December.

Are there any hidden consumables charges?

No, we will not charge you for consumables such as paints, paper or resources. The only additional charges will be the optional addition of Forest School, Rugby Tots or nursery lunches. Breakfast is included in our 'Early Birds' session and a light tea is included in our 'Night Owls' session. Parents will continue to provide a morning snack of fruit, salad or vegetables.

