



Homeland Day Nursery

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Schedule of fees for 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

The outcome of the General Election will bring a great many changes to the UK. Despite the widespread uncertainty, we believe the childcare sector remains at the heart of British society, providing an oasis for future generations to develop and thrive. We therefore remain very proud of the team at Homeland for providing a **good level** (Ofsted Inspection 2016) of care. We are writing with our revised schedule of fees in order to provide you with one months' notice. This is in keeping with previous years and our standard Terms and Conditions. As we are sure you will appreciate, we reserve the right to conduct a further review of our fees should there be an unexpected material change to any of our costs as a direct result of the election. At the time of writing we do not believe this will be necessary.

As you may be aware, the Government is still providing funding for qualifying 2 and 3 year old children for up to 30 hours per week. Although broadly successful in its application, the funding rates currently available to childcare providers across England fall significantly short of costs and this has been well documented in the media. The Department of Education announced in late October 2019, that the hourly rates for 2020/21 will only rise by 8 pence per child. According to the National Day Nurseries Association's research published in September 2019, this funding shortfall has already resulted in a 153% increase in the number of nurseries closing across England since the initiative was introduced in August 2017.

The largest increase and the biggest impact on the industry has been the unprecedented year on year increase in National Living Minimum Wage. As mentioned in my letter to you last year, the Government increased the Minimum and Living Wages significantly and have announced to do so once more this April (6.2% increase). In addition to this, the childcare sector has seen increased demand for experienced qualified practitioners, due to many deciding to take up employment in other sectors of care. We have therefore invested heavily in attracting the highest calibre of candidates, whilst ensuring those already in our team are incentivised to stay.

Although it is necessary to increase our fees to ensure sustainability of the nursery, the impact and the financial burden for our parents and carers is actually **anticipated to fall**. This is mainly due to the availability of funded hours being pledged to increase. The impact of this is still somewhat uncertain but should further assist parents/carers of 2, 3 and 4 year olds by anywhere between £600 and £1,200 per year towards the cost of childcare.

Having taken all these factors into consideration we have decided, whilst trying to minimise the impact on our parents/carers, that our rate needs to be increased by £3.60 a day and £1.80 for a half day. These increases are reflected in the schedule of fees attached.

Lastly and most importantly, having listened to the requests of our current/prospective parents we increased our opening time to 7:30am from the 1st January 2020 to help reflect current demands. From 1st April 2020 we will also extend our closing time to 6pm. For the first time, also included in this daily rate will be all nappies and formula milk.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.
We would like to thank you for your support during 2019.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Roberts
Nursery Manager



FEE SCHEDULE

1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Monthly Fees	5 days	4 days	3 days	2 days	1 day
All day	£1,237	£1,100	£825	£550	275
Morning	£775	£620	£465	£310	N/A
Afternoon	£775	£620	£465	£310	N/A

*All above figures are rounded to nearest £. Actual invoices will vary slightly.

*Subject to change with 1 month's written notice

Our full time rate is £296.88 per week, £59.38 per day. A 10% discount has been applied for a full time place.

Full day care is available 50 weeks per year:

We are closed on Christmas Eve, and we re-open on the first working day after New Year.
We are closed on Bank Holidays.

Session times:

Morning: 7:30am – 12:45pm
Afternoon: 1.00pm – 6pm

5% discount per child is available for siblings and will be deducted from all children.

Nursery vouchers can be used in part or full payment.

Government grant for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be deducted from fees.

All fees are due on the 1st of each month in advance.

Payment MUST be by Childcare Vouchers, Tax Free Childcare, Government Grant or Direct Debit, or a combination thereof.

If fees remain unpaid by the 7th working day following the 1st of the month, an administration late payment charge of £25 will be charged to cover the cost of the time involved in processing late payments.

Any payments that fall into an unauthorized overdue situation of two months, may become subject to transfer to Hek Jones Solicitors with additional charges in relation to their fees being added to the amount owed.