



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery

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"High achievement and success with a smile."



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Dear Shining Stars Parents and Carers

As we are sure you are already aware we pride ourselves in that our Shining Stars Nursery and Rockets provisions provide our local families with the very highest quality education and childcare options. It gives us great comfort knowing that our provisions remain so popular and we continue to take great pride in the achievements for all our nursery children. We also know that families really appreciate the high level of expertise we have across our nursery staff, from our qualified Early Years teacher to the high ratio of our experienced Early Years practitioners, who combined make such a wonderful and nurturing learning environment for the children. This level of staffing coupled with our flexible childcare options (such as the availability of full wrap around care from 7.30am-6pm), high quality resources, weekly music lessons, SEND provision, services of a fully qualified Speech and Language Therapist, hot meal provision option and state of the art technology such as Tapestry, has helped to make Shining Stars the special place it is today!

In order to provide such an array of resources it is inevitable that this comes at a substantial cost. As a community spirited provision it has always been our aim to generate income to pay for our associated salary and premises costs with any modest reserve income being invested back into WFIS & Nursery. Unfortunately over the past few years, we have found ourselves with decreasing annual reserves due to the ongoing increase in our nursery running costs such as staff pay, pension and National Insurance Contributions. This has resulted in a significant shortfall between the income we receive and the rising running costs of continuing to provide such high quality nursery education. Indeed these circumstances have made it particularly difficult for nurseries and other childcare providers to remain sustainable with some childcare businesses being forced to close as a result of the escalating costs and the current Covid 19 pandemic. With this in mind we have taken the very difficult decision to increase nursery fees from after the February half term 2021. This has been done as fairly and sensitively as possible especially when taking into account the current circumstances and the effects this can have on our nursery families' finances.

In addition to this from Monday 22nd February 2021 we will be introducing a new pricing structure for those parents whose children attend nursery all day, with Big Stars being able to take up their normal 5 mornings per week along with an 'all day' rate that includes the morning session, lunchtime (which has previously not been charged for) and the afternoon session thereafter. Similarly, we are pleased to be able to offer a Little Stars all day session also which again covers the previously uncharged lunch period.

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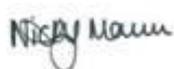
Please see detailed below the new pricing structure:

	Non- Funded	Universal 15hrs Funding applied	Universal 15hrs & Extended 30hrs Funding applied
Little Stars PM session	£22	£8	n/a
Little Stars All Day session (Lunch & Rockets Club AM)	£46	£32	£18
Big Stars AM session	n/a	£5.50	n/a
Big Stars All Day session (Lunch & Rockets Club PM)	n/a	£26	£13

We do hope that by giving parents as much notice as possible this will allow for financial planning for January 2021 when the new term's fees are due.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for supporting us and choosing Shining Stars for your child's nursery education.

Yours sincerely



Miss Nicky Mann
Co Head Teacher



Mr Jamie Hallums
Co Head Teacher

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