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Nursery Fees and Funding Changes

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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to our fees and funding policy in response to our annual review of fees and changes to the Statutory Guidance for Early Years Providers from the Department of Education. The guidance states that these changes must be communicated to existing nursery families in preparation for implementation from September 2025. **The new changes regarding accessing funded hours will only be effective for new families joining our nursery in the April 2025 intake.** Fees will remain the same for the April intake until September 2025.

The change our nursery is implementing in regards to accessing funded hours is in response to our commitment to meeting the needs of our families within the statutory guidance.

Statutory Guidance from the Department of education states;
"local authorities should ensure that children are able to take up their free hours in continuous blocks if they wish to, and avoid artificial breaks being created throughout the day, for example, over the lunch period".
Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025) - GOV.UK

Our new offer for using funded hours is;

The first 15 or 30 eligible funded hours of nursery sessions are funded. Morning and afternoon snacks are included in funded or fee paying hours. Nappies and wipes are not included and these must be provided by parents. A charge will be applied to the next termly invoice for any nursery nappies that are used at a cost of 50p per nappy.

15 or 30 hours of funding can be used in the following continuous blocks;

Block		Session start and end times	Total no. of hours in the session
1	A full day	8.45am to 3.30pm	6.75 hours
2	A morning session	8.45am to 12pm	3.25 hours
3	A morning session with lunch	8.45am to 1pm	4.25 hours
4	An afternoon session	1pm to 3.30pm	2.50 hours
5	An afternoon session with lunch	11.45pm to 3.30pm	3.75 hours

If any sessions are not fully covered by funded hours, the remaining hours will be charged at the rates outlined in the attached fees and funding document.
The lunch hour 12pm to 1pm is included in funded hours.
The cost of a school lunch is not included and this can be purchased via parent pay or parents can provide a healthy lunch box for their child. (EYFS Healthy Eating Policy)
Sunrise and Sunset sessions are not included in funded hours.

We recommend that the minimum number of hours a week a child has to attend nursery is 6 hours.

Below are some examples of how you can choose to utilise funded hours over a week;

Example No.	**Example 1**	**Example 2**	**Example 3**	**Example 4**	**Example 5**	**Example 6**	**Example 7**
Total of funded hours	15 hours of funding	15 hours of funding	15 hours of funding	30 hours of funding	30 hours funding	30 hours funding	30 hours funding
Sessions	2 full days	2 full days plus one morning	2 mornings and 2 mornings plus lunch	4 full days	4 full days plus one afternoon	4 full days plus one morning	5 full days
Total hours	13.5 hours	16.75 hours	15 hours	27 hours	29.5 hours	30.15 hours	33.75 hours
Weekly additional hours charged	No additional fees	1.75 hours additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	0.15 hours additional fees	3.75 hours additional fees

You will receive an invoice each term for any hours your child attends nursery that are not covered by funded hours.

We hope that these changes will help meet our families needs and allow more children to access full days which will support their transition to school.

If you have any questions or wish to make any changes to the sessions you have requested from September 2025 in light of the changes to accessing funded hours please get in touch with Zoey Dean via the nursery email nursery@ringmerprimary.school or by calling the school office 01273 812463. We are now offering places to new starters for September 2025 so please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Best wishes

Sara Crane
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