



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Schedule of fee increases January 2023, April 2023 and September 2023**

We are delighted to announce that a new catering company has been appointed; Edwards and Ward. Thank you to our parent representatives for helping us on the panel to make this important decision. The new caterers will be in place, for nursery children to enjoy, from January 2023. More information will be provided in due course. Edwards and Ward are more expensive but they have assured us that this will translate to the higher quality service we have sought. Because of this, and the continued rising cost of utilities and foods for breakfast and snack there will be a price increase in January. The price will increase daily by £2.50.

As you are aware, Little Learners Nursery Group is a non-profit making organization and any surplus that may be made goes back into the setting to ensure we provide the highest quality care. Because of this, we are able to keep our fees very competitive for the exceptional care we are able to provide. We are, at present, significantly less expensive than other local childcare provision with local nurseries charging, on average, £75 a day for babies and toddlers. Many do not offer a discount at two years of age and are shut for several weeks of the year for which parents are still charged full fees.

The Nursery Directors are particularly conscious that price increases comes at a time when families are facing financial pressures and do not take this decision lightly; however, this must be balanced with the continued unavoidable costs the nursery is facing and our endeavor to retain and recruit the strong staffing team your child(ren) enjoy daily.

Fees will increase at 3 points over the next year as outlined in the schedule below and in full at the bottom of this letter. Even with these 3 increases, rest assured that your nursery fees are still significantly lower than the local average of £75 a day (for babies and toddlers).

If you are facing particular financial hardships please do not hesitate to contact us as we may be able to signpost you to government schemes that can offer childcare support.

	Babies	Toddlers	Term after child's 3rd Birthday
January 2023	+ £2.50	+ £2.50	+ £2.50
April 2023	+ £2.50	+ £2.50	None
September 2023	+ £2.50	+ £2.50	None

We would like to thank you for your continuing support in making our nursery community a very special place,

Yours sincerely  
Nursery Directors

### January 2023

One year olds: Daily rate £64
One year olds: 5 days daily rate £60
Two Year olds: Daily rate from £61
Two Year olds: 5 days daily rate from £57
3 year olds <b>Unfunded</b> (funding starts the term after a child's 3rd birthday) same as two year old rates
3 year olds daily rate <b>15 hrs</b> funded £43
3 year olds 5 days daily rate <b>15 hrs</b> funded £41.92
3 year olds daily rate <b>30 hrs</b> funded £30.84
3 year olds 5 days daily rate <b>30 hrs</b> funded £29.20
Little Learners in Nature daily rate <b>15 hrs</b> funded from £58.88
Little Learners in Nature daily rate <b>30 hrs</b> funded from £46.22
Little Learners in Nature daily <b>unfunded</b> from £74

### April 2023

One year olds: Daily rate £66.50
One year olds: 5 days daily rate £62.50

Two Year olds: Daily rate from £63.50
Two Year olds: 5 days daily rate from £59.50
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### September 2023

One year olds: Daily rate £69
One year olds: 5 days daily rate £65
Two Year olds: Daily rate from £66
Two Year olds: 5 days daily rate from £62
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