



12/11/2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to make you aware that we are, very reluctantly, going to have to raise our fees slightly from January 2026 for those parents that are using stretched funding that covers their child's attendance between 11:55-15:20.

I think that it would be helpful to provide more information on what the fees for your child's place get spent on:

- **Staffing** – We need enough staff to ensure that we remain in ratio to keep your child happy and safe. If we are unable to guarantee that staff are paid on time for the work that they do, then we risk losing some valuable members of the team. We also need to factor in the annual increase in minimum wage in our budget.
- **Snack** – We have to purchase the children's fresh, healthy snacks in advance.
- **Premises Hire** – We cannot risk not being able to pay the Church or Codicote school for the hire of their facilities.
- **Utility bills** – This includes the internet, water, heating and lighting.
- **Insurance**
- **Cleaning** – this includes the cost of a cleaner and all of the materials required to ensure we maintain hygiene in the setting.
- **Washing** – We have various items such as tea towels that need washing.
- **Phone bill** – Ensuring that you are able to contact us in an emergency.
- **Subscriptions** – such as Tapestry and Twinkl to enhance the early years education of your child.
- **Membership of Early Years Alliance**
- **Ofsted Membership**
- **Resources** – This is not just large items of play equipment but resources that require regular replenishment such as Playdough, pencils, paper, paints etc.
- **Hardware** – such as laptops and a printer so that we are able to complete all of the paperwork required to run the setting.

With the cost of living still rising, we now have no choice in this regard. The Early Years sector is chronically underfunded, and we just don't want to be in a situation where we are unable to spend the funds where they need to go.



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From **January 2026**, fees will be:

For children that are attending Codicote School's nursery class in the morning:

- **Stretched Funded children:** £2.00/day voluntary fee for all parents to cover the cost of consumables and any snacks in our nursery classroom.

Stretched funding covers the cost of your child's place between 11:55-15:20.

Please note: *We are only able to offer the session 11:55-15:20 for all parents for safeguarding reasons. By accepting a place at our afternoon session based at Codicote School, you are agreeing to pay the relevant fee to keep your child in the session until 15:20.*

Please note: all other fees will remain the same.

Financial Assistance for Parents

There are resources on the [website](#) that can direct you to where you can get help with the cost of childcare.

Please do check '[Childcare Choices](#)' to confirm that you are receiving 20% off your childcare bill or you are receiving help to pay your childcare bill via Universal Credit.

If your child is in receipt of certain benefits, they may be entitled to additional funding such as Pupil Premium or the Disability Access Fund. *Please let us know straight away via [email](#) if you are on a low income or your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.*

Funding

15 hours funding is increasing to 30 hours for working families from September 2025. Please make use of all the funding that is available to you by checking '[Childcare Choices](#)'.

May I take this opportunity to remind you to renew your funding code on '[Childcare Choices](#)' and [email it](#) to me **by Wednesday 10th December 2025 to secure funding for next term. Don't miss out!**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Sara Stagg

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