



### **Ofsted**

We recently had an unannounced Ofsted visit due to them being informed of an issue that had been raised. We are happy to say that they have found no breaches whatsoever and are happy that we are complying with all the regulations, and will not be making any recommendations for change or action plans.

### **Change to fees**

As of January 2019 our fee's will be increasing, since opening in July 2017 our fees have stayed the same but now due to inflation we are having to increase our hourly fee and our lunch and dinner charge.

**Hourly fee** - increasing from £5 an hour to £5.25 an hour, sibling rate will be increasing from £4.75 an hour to £5 an hour.

**Lunch** - increasing from £1.50 to £2.00

**Dinner** - increasing from £2.50 to £3.00

### **Healthy Meals**

Here at Home from Home Childcarers we aim to promote healthy eating. The meals and snacks we provide are planned to support children's nutrition. As part of this we are encouraging you to support us, if you send your child in with a packed lunch we ask you to provide a balanced healthy lunch. We have found a website that we find gives you some great ideas of what to include in a healthy lunch box: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>.

### **Parents Evening**

We are currently in the progress of arranging parents evening for all rooms which will be happening over the next few months. Your child's room leader will inform you of when these will be and sort out meetings for you and your child's key worker.

### **Dropping off/Picking up**

We are now in the situation where the nursery is full up, it is therefore vital for your child's learning that we ask you to be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child so to cause the least interruption as possible to the children's sessions.

When picking up your child from the Cubs/Kittens room please allow time for the member of staff from your child's room to open the door to you, the staff are getting your child and their belongings ready for you before answering the door. We are not ignoring you or being rude if we don't open the door to you or leave you waiting outside, we are just making sure we are keeping your children safe.

### **Photo shoot**

We had a great turnout at our recent family photo shoot, it was lovely to see you all and the photos that Emily took were amazing!

### **Christmas Bazaar**

We are hosting our first Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 1pm - 4pm. If you or someone you know would like to have a stall we are charging £10 a pitch. We are also looking for donations for raffle prizes, lucky dips, tombola etc.

## **Autumn Term 2 2018**

### **Christmas Pantomime**

We have a limited number of tickets available for Aladdin at the Harlow Playhouse on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. If you would like tickets pop into the office and let us know how many you would like, the cost of these are; Adults - £25, Children - £20

### **Slippers/Indoor Shoes, Coats and Practical Shoes**

With the change in weather it is important for children to have coats with them every day that they are in, as well as shoes that are appropriate for going outside in. Can we also stress the importance of your child having slippers/indoor shoes to wear indoors, this is important as if there is a fire alarm, we need to evacuate quick and will not have time to put on shoes.

### **Illness/Attendance**

If your child is too ill to be in the setting, please keep them at home until well enough, unfortunately we don't have enough staff for them to sit with individual children while ill. If your child is not going to be in on a certain day for any reason, please can you let us know as early as possible by texting the work number: 07512 201850

### **Uniform**

As you may be aware we have uniform for the children to wear if you wish. We are currently looking into getting jumpers made as part of our uniform and were wondering if any parents would be interested in them, if so please could you let us know and if enough interest we will order some.

### **REMINDER!**

**Please can you remember that we are a NO PEANUTS AND NO NUTS building! This includes Almonds, Hazelnuts, Walnuts and Coconut, as well as products such as Nutella!  
We have both a member of staff and children with severe nut allergies.**

### **Dates for the diary**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018** - Children in Need, Fancy dress day! Donate a £1 and children can dress up in their favourite fancy dress outfit.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018** - Christmas Bazaar - 1pm - 4pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018** - Last day of Autumn term for funded children

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018** - Last day of the Autumn term  
- Aladdin Pantomime Trip - 7pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019** - First day back of the Spring term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - First day back of Spring term for funded children.

**Don't forget to check out our website and Facebook pages:**

[www.homefromhomechildcarers.co.uk](http://www.homefromhomechildcarers.co.uk)

**HFHC** - [www.facebook.com/HfHC.ABC](http://www.facebook.com/HfHC.ABC)

**HFHC Holiday Club** - [www.facebook.com/HfHCHolidayClub](http://www.facebook.com/HfHCHolidayClub)