

Spring Term 1 2020

We would like to welcome you all back and welcome to all the new families that have joined us. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone that brought the team Christmas gifts.



Change to fees

A reminder that our fees have increased from this month, January 2020.

Hourly fee – increased from £5.25 to £5.50 an hour, sibling rate increased from £5 to £5.25 an hour.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner fees remain the same price.

Reminder if you are paying by card in the office the minimum payment is £10.00.

Polling Day

As you all know our building is used as a polling station, on **Thursday 7th May 2020** we will be closed. Please make alternative childcare arrangements for this date as unfortunately we are unable to care for your child on this date.

February Half Term

February half term is **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February**, during this week we don't provide care for funded children, however, if you need extra childcare during that week please let us know ASAP so we can staff the week accordingly.

Little Princess Trust Haircut

On the 2nd February 2020 a group of our team and 2 staff children will be donating a minimum of 7 inches of their hair for the 'Little Princess Trust'. This hair will be used to make wigs for children that need them. We are also trying to raise as much money as we can for both the Little Princess Trust and our Mini-Bus Fund, so if you can donate anything please check out our GoFundMe page (link on our Facebook page).



Invoices

Thank you to all parents that have been paying their fees on time and regularly every month. As stated in childcare contracts, payments are expected by the **15th of each month** (unless agreed otherwise with Linda, Zoe or Lynsey).

Late fees are now being implemented as stated in contracts for any payments that are not received on time.

If invoices remain unpaid for more than 28 days, we will be suspending care for your child until the fees are paid up to date.

Named Items

Please can you ensure that all of the children's belongings are labelled including shoes, coats and drink bottles. We have a lot of children coming in wearing the same shoes which causes confusion with both parents and staff when it comes to pick up time.

Slippers/Indoor Shoes

Please can you make sure your child has **slippers** or **indoor shoes** to wear while indoors, this is very important to prevent accidents and children slipping. As well as if there is a fire alarm and we need to evacuate there will not be time to put on shoes.

Updating Child's Information

If information about your child changes, such as allergies/medical information, hospital/doctor investigations/tests, changes to routine (e.g. no longer having a bottle or not sleeping),

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address/contact information etc, please can you let us know so we can update information accordingly.



School Pick Ups

If we pick your child up from school and they are not in school for any reason, please can you let us know. On a few occasions recently we have sent a member of staff to a school to pick up and the child has not been in.

Extra Sessions from September 2020

We are currently sorting out our rooms/staff for September 2020. If your child is moving rooms or will be receiving funding meaning that you would like new days/times, please could you let us know ASAP. The rooms are quickly filling up with waiting lists on certain days, we will try our best to accommodate everyone's needs and requested days, however we may not be able to do this if we don't receive enough notice.

Phones

Please do not use your mobile phones inside the building when dropping off/collecting your child. We can't allow the use of phones whilst in the building as we are keeping your children safe. We may ask you to leave the building if you come in on your phone or answer your phone when in the building.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice over the last few months, if we tell you your child has headlice please can you ensure they are being treated before the next time they are in. This will help to stop the spread of them.

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020: February Half Term** – Funding children will finish on Friday 14th February and will return on Monday 24th February. If you require extra sessions, please book in ASAP.
- **Wednesday 18th March 2020: Mother's Day Craft Morning** – More information coming soon.
- **Saturday 28th March 2020: Quiz Night** – More information coming soon.
- **Thursday 2nd April – Friday 17th April 2020: Easter Holidays** - Funded children will finish on Thursday 2nd April and will return on Monday 20th April. If you require extra sessions, please book in ASAP.
- **Thursday 7th May 2020: Polling Day** – We will be closed as our building is used as a polling station. The bank holiday has also been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 so we will be shut on both the Thursday and Friday that week, unfortunately this is out of our control!
- **Wednesday 17th June 2020: Father's Day Craft Morning** – More information coming soon.

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 members of staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Don't forget to check out our Website and Facebook page:

www.homefromhomechildcarers.co.uk

www.facebook.com/HfHC.ABC

If you could please give us a review and rating on our Facebook page, your support is much appreciated.