



# Acorns Nursery School



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Registered Charity Number 1028177

Dear Parents

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## FEES FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

I am writing to tell you about Acorns' fees for next year, which take effect from September 2020. As you know, Acorns is a non-profit making charity, run by a committee of parent volunteers. When setting our fees we aim to cover our basic running costs and expenses. We review our fees annually and we always make sure that our charges are as low as we can afford.

This year our fees will increase by 20p to £7 per hour. The rise aims to keep Acorns sustainable. Surrey County Council have increased their FEE contribution (for the Free Early Entitlement) to £4.72. Therefore the top up paid by parents works out to £2.28 an hour. FEET (Free Early Entitlement for Two Year Olds) has increased by 08p to £5.96 per hour. If you think you may be entitled to claim for FEET funding please tell us.

The new fees are set out below.

Session	Time	Acorns hourly rate	Fee Payable Amounts set out below are charged to all non FEE/FEET eligible children	FEE £4.72 p/hr FEE funding can be claimed in blocks of 3, 4 or 5 hours depending on what sessions are booked
Morning	9.00am - 12.00 noon	£7.00	£21.00	3 hrs claimed (£6.84 top up)
Morning & Lunch	9.00am - 1.00pm	£7.00	£28.00	4 hrs claimed (£9.12 top up)
Whole Day	9.00am - 2.45pm (Although this session is 5.75 hours, only 5 hours FEE/FEET can be claimed)	£7.00	£40.25	5 hrs claimed (we are unable to claim for part hours) (£16.65 top up) (or £16 x 3 = £48 for 3 long days) When 3 long days are booked to use the 15 hour entitlement, top up is reduced to £48 per week as this helps us plan for availability.

The hourly rate for FEE (Free Early Years Entitlement) is £4.72, and this is claimed by Acorns on your behalf. We will ask you to complete forms each term detailing hours you will be claiming. Although the FEE funding doesn't cover the whole cost it greatly reduces the amount you have to pay yourself. Children are eligible for FEE from the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Children may also be eligible for FEET (from the term following their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday). <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/kb5/surrey/localoffer/advice.page?> Some families may be entitled to an additional 15 hours funded time (15 universal hours + 15 additional hours). <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

Please talk to Cary or Wendy if you have any concerns or questions about fees, or FEE funding. A letter detailing employers voucher schemes is available on our website. This is a method of paying for nursery fees with pre-taxed income. Thank you for choosing Acorns, we value and welcome your children with a caring, committed attitude. Thank you to all returning families.

Best wishes

Kate Jones and Holly Cook

Joint Committee Chairs