



Acorns Nursery School



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Registered Charity Number 1028177

Dear Parents

10 May 2017

FEES FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

I am writing to tell you about Acorns' fees for next year, which take effect from September 2017. 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 we are reducing our fees by 4p per hour, and this will help parents easily calculate our top up fees. Surrey County Council have increased their FEE contribution (for the Free Early Entitlement) from 4.15 per hour to 4.51. This is the first rise in the FEE funding rate for years and is a much larger amount than we expected. Overall our fees have therefore reduced by 40p per hour, for children claiming FEE. We are pleased to be able to offer our new rates from next September, and this is mostly due to us having a busier year than we expected. FEET (Free Early Entitlement for Two Year Olds) has been reduced from £6.00 per hour to £5.88. 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	FEE £4.51 p/hr (see below for details)
Morning	9.00 am - 12.00 noon	£6.51	£19.53	3 hrs (£6 top up)
Morning & Lunch	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	£6.51	£26.04	4 hrs (£8. top up)
Whole Day	9.00am - 2.45pm	£6.51	£37.43	5 hrs (£14.88 top up) When 3 long days are booked to use the 15 hour entitlement top up is reduced to £36 as this helps us plan for availability.

The hourly rate for FEE (Free Early Years Entitlement) is £4.51. Although the FEE funding doesn't cover the whole cost it greatly reduces the amount you have to pay yourself. The options for claiming the 15 hours are : 2 mornings, 1 morning and lunch and 1 full day, or 3 morning and 1 morning with lunch, or 3 full days. Children are eligible for FEE from the term following their 3rd birthday. Children may also be eligible for FEET (from the term following their 2nd birthday). Some families may be entitled to an additional 15 hours funded time (15 universal hours + 15 additional hours). Acorns can accommodate children for nearly all of the 30 hours entitlement. This will start in September '17 and details can be found on the accompanying document and at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/30-hour-free-childcare-entitlement>.

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 attached. This is a method of paying for nursery fees with pre-taxed income. Thank you for continuing to choose Acorns, we value and welcome your children with a caring, committed attitude. Thank you to all returning families.

Best wishes

Heather Shaw & Hermione Love

Joint Committee Chairs