



Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

In the new academic year we will be making changes to a few aspects in both our Nursery & Pre – School in order to ensure that we can continue to provide an outstanding in Early Years education. If you have any further questions about any of the below please do not hesitate to ask a member of our Early Years team.

Fees

In the new academic year, we will make a small adjustment to our fee structure, we have not increased our fees for 5 years and we have held off for as long as possible; however from the 4th September 2019 our new hourly rate for our 3 – 5 year olds will be £4.15. The fee for 2 – 3 years will remain the same at £5.20 per hour. These fees will only be charged for any additional hours above your child's funding, your child's funded hours will not be effected.

We will also be changing the way you will need to pay your nursery fees. From September, fees are due at the start of the term and must be paid. Please find below a list of required payment dates, we will text on or just before the beginning of a new term advising you of the fee amount (please do advise the office if you require an emailed invoice). Failure to pay your fees by the deadline may result in losing your child's space. Fees will still be payable through your Parent Pay, childcare vouchers or tax free childcare account.

Terms	Dates	Pay By
Term 1	2 nd September 2019 – 25 th October 2019	2 nd October 2019
Term 2	4 th November 2019 – 20 th December 2019	4 th December 2019
Term 3	6 th January 2019 – 14 th February 2019	6 th February 2020
Term 4	24 th February 2020 – Friday 3 rd April 2020	24 th March 2020
Term 5	20 th April 2020 – Friday 22 nd May 2020	20 th May 2020
Term 6	1 st June 2020 – 20 th July 2020	1 st July 2020

Snacks

We teach children the importance of a healthy, balanced diet as well as where food is from and how it is made. With this in mind, we are asking parents to stop supplying a snack for their child and instead pay 50p per session (£1 for full day) so that we can provide a healthy snack for your child. This will give us the opportunity to help children make their own snack whether this be a cookery activity or cutting/peeling their own fruit / vegetables as well as using spread/marmalades for rice cakes/wraps etc. Having a shared snack will promote your child's independent skills in readiness for school and encourage sharing, turn taking and discussions. We will of course be able to cater for any Allergan requirements. The snack fees for the term will be included in the advisory email/text. Fees must be paid in full by the dates stated above.



Funding

2 year funding :

Some families are entitled to 2 year funding to check if you are eligible please visit www.childcare.gov.uk , some examples of reasons your child may be eligible are Income support, Universal Credit, Tax Credits, Disability living allowance, Foster care, Adopted.

3 year funding:

All children from the term after their third birthday (January, April & September) are entitled to Universal funding this equates to 15 hours per week, forms will be completed on starting Sun Class and a head count form will need a parents signature termly thereafter. Some families are entitled to 30 hours funding and it is solely your responsibility to obtain a 30 hour code and revalidate it every 3 months as requested by the HMRC. Please ensure the school office has this before your child's funded hours start or you will be liable to pay the full fees. To apply for 30 hours please visit www.childcare.gov.uk or telephone the HMRC helpline on 0300 123 4097. BANES recommend that you apply for 30 hours before the end of July due to the time some applications are taking to process and the volume of calls HMRC process. The deadline for receiving 30 hours funding for September is 31st August 2019. Please note that BANES have also advised from September 2019 children must attend a minimum of 4 consecutive sessions (i.e. Same session each week for a minimum of 4 weeks) to obtain funding meaning no adhoc sessions or extra hours will be included within your funding, these will need to be charged at £4.15 per hour.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards

Alun Randell
Head Teacher
