



Dear Parents and Carers,

We wrote to you earlier in the year and outlined our revised fees which became effective from 1st April 2025. In this letter we also made you aware that we would be continuing to review our fee structure very carefully alongside the continued rollout of extended funding being made available to more families. Whilst we forewarned you that there was a chance of further increases coming into effect in September 2025, we fully appreciate that such increases are never welcome. I'm sure you will understand these are decisions that are never made lightly, and we have taken our time over the last few months to forecast finances and carefully consider the best action to take to help ensure any decisions made are as fair as possible.

As we mentioned earlier in the year the costs of running our setting have been increasing steadily over the years. These costs include but are not limited to: staff salaries, rent, utilities, resources, equipment, training both regulatory and enhancing our team's knowledge, recruitment and food.

The fee increases and timings restructuring we are proposing will continue to ensure our business is viable in these challenging times and will ensure the continuity of care for your children. We are committed to continuing to provide the best possible care for your children whilst also investing in our staff, resources, and facilities to ensure that we maintain our high standards.

The price list attached helps illustrate changes, but we would like to explain some in more detail. From September 2025 we are introducing a separate hourly rate for babies and children under the age of 2 years. This is due to the high ratio requirements needed to provide care and learning. There will be no increase in the hourly rate for children aged 2 years up.

Following a review of our meal invoices from Derbyshire, the cost of the nursery meal is increasing from £3.75 to £4.25.

The final increase taking place is the cost of swimming lessons, which is increasing to £10 per lesson (effective from September 1st onwards) to help us cover the increased ratio requirements for the lessons.

We have tried really hard to keep our increase in costs to an absolute minimum and once again will not be increasing the cost of our quality premium charges as we would like to do anything we can to help during these difficult financial times. We continue to be grateful to our families for supporting us in paying these charges. These charges are something we never wanted to introduce; but we had to introduce these measures to help us remain financially stable.

The next change I want to make you aware of is regarding restructuring the sessions we offer. We are finding it increasingly difficult to balance the cost of staffing and so have made the decision to adjust some of the arrival times and finish times offered currently. From September 1st arrival times for sessions can only be booked from 8am and 9am and morning sessions and 12pm or 1pm for afternoon sessions. Similarly, finish times can be as follows, 12pm, 1pm, 3pm, 3:30pm, 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Flexible start and finish times of quarter past, half past and quarter to will no longer be available for regular bookings. We have however decided to keep the 3:30 session to help with school pick up's.

Time between 8-9am and 4-6pm will continue to be classed as wrap around care and therefore will not be covered by funding.

Considering the information shared above there will be a number of families who will need to adjust their hours for September 2025 and beyond, please can you contact Laura as soon as possible to arrange this.

The final change that will be taking effect from September is regarding actions taken when invoices remain outstanding. We simply cannot sustain outstanding debts and having struggled with this for a number of years we have no choice but to take a more direct approach. Moving forwards if an account is arrears by more than one month then childcare offered will either be reduced to ensure no subsequent increase takes place or spaces will be withdrawn (this in line with our procedures outlined in our parent pack).

Apologies for the seriousness of some elements of this letter, fees and increases are never an easy subject. Ultimately, we just want to ensure that we remain operational and viable to ensure the future success of the business for all our families now and in the future, our staff team and the community.

We want to once take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Buxton Nursery for your child's early year's education. Our goal is to give your children love, care and a solid educational base to be ready for school when the time comes. We know that these increases will be difficult when everyone is struggling.

If you feel our new fees will put you into financial hardship, please contact us and we will discuss individual cases in more depth. Websites such as childcarechoices.gov.uk are very helpful and can identify additional financial help your family might be entitled to.

We appreciate your understanding and support during these challenging times. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the fee increase, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The Nursery Team x



Buxton Nursery Ltd Price List		With effect from 1 st September 2025	
Hourly rate up to 2 years: £9.35 per hour	30 minutes: £4.68	15 minutes: £2.34	
Hourly rate age 2 years up: £8.50 per hour	30 minutes: £4.25	15 minutes: £2.15	
Meals			
Breakfast: £1.25	Lunch: £4.25	Tea: £2.75	
Nursery Packed lunch (during school holidays) £3.00			
Late fees			
Buxton Nursery Ltd is only registered to provide care between the hours of 8:00am and 18:00pm. Children should not be dropped off before 8:00am and must be collected by 18:00pm Late collection (after 18:00pm) will be charged at £30 per 30 minutes – this will be used to pay for the staff members who are required to stay.			
Funding			
Option 1: Annual/stretched funding. 11.4 or 22.8 hours Available between: 09:00-16:00pm Funding is not available for wrap around care between 8:00-9:00am and 16:00-18:00pm priced at the hourly rate for the age of your child.		Option 2: Term time only funding 15 or 30 hours Available between: 09:00-16:00pm Funding is not available for wrap around care between 8:00-9:00am and 16:00-18:00pm priced at the hourly rate for the age of your child.	
Annual administration fee			
We charge an annual administration fee of £20 per family. This will be included on your September invoices every 12 months.			
Quality Premium Charges			
We have two different quality premium charges, these charges only apply to children who are 2, 3 & 4 years old in receipt of 15- or 30-hours funding. The charge for 3- & 4-year-old children is £3 per half day session therefore £6 per day. The charge for 2-year-old children is £1.50 per half day session therefore £3 per day. These are charged monthly on your invoice. Please see the quality premium section of the parent pack for more information about this.			
Other costs that may arise			
Trips/visits out, swimming, and woodland adventures – these costs are provided at the time of the trips and are added to invoices as applicable.			
Nappies – parents are asked to supply nappies (if nursery supply, the cost is £1.00 per nappy).			
Registration fee			
A registration fee of £50 reserves a place for your child. This is for items including, but not exclusively, administration costs and settling a family and child into the nursery (6 settling in sessions). £25 is refunded on your first invoice. If you are fully funded and not using any additional hours, the whole registration fee can be refunded, however you will only be entitled to 3 settling-in sessions.			