



## Buxton Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to write to you about the Quality Premium Charges that we adopt here at Buxton Nursery.

These charges will apply **ONLY** to children who are in receipt of universal (15 hours) or 30 hours funding (3-4 year olds only it does not apply to anyone under the age of 3 including those on 2 year funding) - the cost is £3 per session (am or pm) so £6 per full day.

We first introduced these charges in September 2017 in line with the government offering the 30 hours childcare incentive to parents, prior to this we were already severely underfunded. So knowing that many families would be eligible for double the hours with no increase in the amount of money we would receive from the government was quite a scary prospect. In an ideal world we wouldn't have had to introduce these charges, if we had been funded correctly, however our hands are tied and in order to continue providing a quality service they are instrumental in us bridging the gap in the funding. We also know that many other nurseries have had to adopt similar systems to avoid closure and sadly many have not been fortunate enough to survive and have had to close regardless.

We have been fully supported by parents over the course of the last few years which has been wonderful and we cannot express our gratitude enough as all we want to do is continue providing care for all our fabulous children and families. Derbyshire County Council provide us with a list of things we are not allowed to include within our quality premium charges and this includes qualified staff and staff training - we therefore do not list these within our charges. However we would like to inform you that we currently have 5 members of staff who are qualified to level 5 and another staff member working towards this level of qualification. We are also now fortunate enough to employ a qualified teacher.

As a team we are always striving for improvement within our setting. Debbie has achieved a Level 3 qualification in SENCO training (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), I am currently undertaking Early Years Professional Development training. Staff are committed to continuing their professional development and undertaken additional training in Food and Nutrition, Supporting Challenging Behaviour, Working with children with Autism and Awareness of Children's Mental Health. Having been a parent of a child who has attended this setting my-self I know how much you appreciate the high level of qualified and experienced staff and the ethos that we work so hard to foster within our wonderful team.

We have made changes to our Quality Premium over the last few years - it is really important to us that we make the charges as fair as we possibly can. And so from September 2019 the charges will be per session rather than weekly so you are only charged for when your child attends.

There are videos and other resources available online through groups such as 'Champagne Nurseries on Lemonade Funding' who have a page on facebook. They provide a forum for support for settings in similar positions. If you google 'Champagne Nurseries on Lemonade Funding' you will find a video that really helps to illustrate the plight that the early years sector faces.

Parents of children who have been attending nursery prior to becoming eligible for funding will notice a significant reduction in their bill when funding is applied even with the addition of our quality premium charge. If you would like an estimate of your average weekly or monthly costs please let me know.

Attached is a copy of our Additional Services & Quality Premium which helps breakdown all costs that you need to be aware of, there is a section which needs to be signed and returned to us.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to me about this please arrange an appointment to come and see me or drop me an email - remember the office door is always open...

Many Thanks, Laura Bowers



**Additional Services & Quality Premium**  
(charged monthly for funded 3 & 4 year olds)

This includes consumables such as baby wipes, nappy liners, disposable gloves, Sudocream, Calpol, suncream, soap, anti-bacterial gel, tissues, toilet paper, first aid. This also includes fresh fruit and drinks throughout the day.

**Quality Premium**

Parent evenings

Reports & Summary Observations

Bank Staff to ensure higher ratios on nursery trips

Use of minibus which includes Trips to the Argyle, Library, Park, Museum and Sensory Room.

Termly visits/trips e.g Police, Fire-station, Dental Box, Animal Magic

Projects that incur additional cost such as purchasing Caterpillars

**£3.00 per session (am or pm. One full day is 2 sessions therefore £6).**

**These will be charged monthly on your invoice**

**For fully funded children, this cost is voluntary; however you will need to bring in consumables each day.**

**Other costs that may arise** (information and prices given at the time of the trip)

School trips

Swimming lessons

Woodland Adventures

Nappies should be supplied by parents but if you have forgotten they cost £0.50 per nappy

Tapestry journal on a CD at the end of your child's time with us

Packed lunches can be purchased during the holidays at £2

**Please sign below to say that you agree to pay the quality premium charges (these will not be applied to your child's account until they are in receipt of 3-4 year old government funding). Please detach this slip and return with registration form.**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Managers Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_