

Attachment to Annex 3 – progress on Neighbourhood Nurseries

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Nursery Fees

1. Background

1.1 Proposed fees for Hollingdean and Tarnerland neighbourhood nurseries are outlined in the charts below.

1.2 These fees have been set to ensure:

- financial sustainability in the long term. Both nurseries have established budgets for the first five years of operation which increase these fees by 5% each year
- that fees neither undercut established provision nor exceed local rates and so are priced out of the market
- that parents on low and moderate incomes can take advantage of the maximum allowable childcare tax credit through working tax credit

1.3 Tarnerland nursery fees are slightly higher than those set for Hollingdean. This is because:

- Tarnerland received less neighbourhood nursery revenue subsidy as some revenue subsidy was converted to capital to fund construction costs
- there is less revenue support to Tarnerland from City Centre Sure Start local programme
- the operations budget has to fund the head teacher's increments for the additional responsibility of running the nursery

1.4 Average fees in 2003 for full day care in Brighton & Hove were:

Day Nurseries	Highest	Lowest	Median	Average
Per Session	£25.00	£8.00	£14.50	£14.86
Per Day	£50.00	£11.00	£28.00	£28.80
Per Week	£225.00	£107.00	£140.00	£146.09

We are anticipating an above-inflation increase in 2004.

2. Fees

2.1 Hollingdean Nursery Children aged under three

Session	Time	Price per session	Price per week
Full day	8 am to 6 pm	£30	£135
Full morning	8 am to 1 pm	£16	£80
Part morning	9 am to 1 pm	£15	£75
Full afternoon	1 pm to 6 pm	£15	£75
Part afternoon	1 pm to 5 pm	£14	£70

2.2 Children aged three, four and five

Session	Time	Price per session	Price per week
Full day	8 am to 6 pm	£30	£135
Full morning	8 am to 1 pm	£16	£80
Core morning	9.15 am to 11.45	£7.75	£38.73
Lunchtime ¹	11.45 to 1.00	£4.00	£20.00
Full afternoon	1 pm to 6 pm	£15	£75
Core afternoon	1 pm to 3.30	£7.75	£38.73

2.3 From the term after the child's third birthday fees will be reduced by £426 per term for children who attend for five 2.5 hour (or longer) sessions per week (pro rata where children attend fewer than five sessions)

2.4 Tarnerland Nursery Children aged under three

Session	Time	Price per session	Price per week
Extended day	8 am to 6 pm	£32	£150
Full morning	8 am to 1 pm	£17.50	£87.50
Full afternoon	1 pm to 6 pm	£17.50	£87.50

¹ only available to children who attend a core morning and a core afternoon on the same day

2.5 Children aged three, four and five
Term time only, or year round

Session	Time	Price per session	Price per week
Term time extended day	8am to 6pm	£24	£120
School holiday extended day	8 am to 6 pm	£32	£150
Breakfast club	8am – 9am	£3	£15
After school club	3pm – 6pm	£8.00	£40
Holiday Playscheme			
Extended day	8am – 6pm	£32	£150
Short day	9am – 3pm	£25	£125
Full morning	8am – 1pm	£17.50	£87.50
Full afternoon	1pm – 6pm	£17.50	£87.50