



# Etwall Pre-School CIC

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to provide an update on the pre-school's finances.

For many years, all three and four-year-olds as well as disadvantaged two-year-olds have been able to access government-funded childcare and early education. However, the money the government gives to pre-schools to pay for these places does not cover the cost of delivering it.

Over recent years, government funding has remained far too low, meaning that early years providers are under even more financial pressure than before. Even worse, funding has failed to keep up with the costs that pre-schools face - e.g. staff wages and rent (the minimum wage and our rent are both increasing by 10% in April). The situation is getting worse and will likely continue to get worse.

We are therefore very concerned about the future viability of the pre-school and so, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, have made the decision to increase fees as follows:

- 3 and 4 year old's - £16.50/session
- 2 year old's - £18.00/session
- Lunch club - £6.00/session

**We will also be charging £1 per family per morning session for snack break.**

Therefore, from April onwards every family will receive an invoice at the beginning of each term which will include a charge for snack break.

We really appreciate your understanding and hope that you will be supportive of this, as we are sure that it is all of our goals for the preschool to survive.

Yours sincerely,

Etwall Preschool Board of Directors

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