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Dear Parents & Carers

The Management Committee of Chevening School Nursery are writing to inform you of new hourly rates and other changes that will come into effect from September 2024.

From September 2024, children who qualify for a funded place and who access more than 15 hours per week will be charged for these additional hours at £9 per hour for 3 and 4 year olds and £9.50 per hour for 2 year olds.

We will also be offering the government's new 'working parents entitlement' for 2 year olds that has just come into effect and we have lowered our minimum age of starting to 2 years instead of 2.5 years to support this. Children who are 2 years old and whose parents qualify for this funding can use their 15 hour entitlement per week. Any additional hours over the 15 will be charged at £9.50 per hour. Funding starts the *full term* **after** your child turns 2 and once we have received a valid eligibility code from yourselves. 2 year olds who do not qualify for the working parents entitlement will be charged £9.50 per hour.

To receive the working parents entitlement each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum or living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

Once confirmed as eligible, HMRC will issue the parent an 11 digit eligibility code per child. Parents will need to take the eligibility code to their chosen provider to secure a funded place. More information can be found here: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

***Please note:** If a parent applies more than three months before the start of the new term they will need to reconfirm their details to ensure they are still eligible.*

We will not be offering the new Working Parent Entitlement for 3&4 year olds at this time.

We are also increasing the lunchtime fee. This will now be £6.50 for a supervised lunch for your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Lingard or Adele Udale should you have any questions and please also refer to our admission and fee policy for further information which can be found on our website.

Yours sincerely

The Management Committee of Chevening School Nursery