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Dear all

I hope you are all well and had a good summer holiday. Everyone at Chevening Nursery is looking forward to welcoming your child in September.

I emailed parents last year with an update on the Nursery's financial position, explaining the challenges faced due to the introduction of 30 hours of free childcare for eligible parents.

The hourly rate that the Nursery receives from Kent County Council to provide these funded hours is significantly less than the true cost to provide this level of care. This change has had a significant impact on many early years settings, many of which were forced to close. At the time we decided not to increase fees and to focus on changes to our operating hours and later pick-up fees.

The Nursery is a charity, run by a committee, and is non-profit making. We have reviewed the fees charged by other local settings and decided that in order to remain sustainable a slight fee increase will be introduced from January 2027. We are now giving parents a full term's notice of this change. Fees will increase to £10 an hour for 2-year-olds and to £9.50 an hour for 3 and 4 year olds.

This brings our fees more in line with other local settings whilst remaining competitive.

We hope that these measures will mean that the Nursery can continue to support local families and remain sustainable as a setting in the long term.

We will keep you up to date about any further changes if needed, but please do let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Suzanne Lingard (Manager and Lead Practitioner)

Sarah Stuart (Chair of the Management Committee)