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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that we will need to increase our pre-school fees from next term.

As you will be aware, the annual rise in the National Living Wage, alongside the continued increase in general operating costs, has significantly impacted our running expenses. In order to maintain the high standards of care and education that we pride ourselves on, we have had to make the difficult decision to adjust our fees to help offset these additional costs.

The new fees will come into effect from **Monday 13th April 2026**, when we return after the Easter break.

New hourly rates:

- Non-Funded 2-year-old hourly rate - **£7.00**
- Non-Funded 3- and 4-year-old hourly rate - **£6.80**
- 2-year-old Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) 'top-up' hourly rate - **£7.00**
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- Forest School session - **£2.00**

This represents an increase of **50p per hour**.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly. We understand that any increase in fees places additional pressure on families, particularly during challenging financial times. However, we remain committed to providing a high-quality, enriching environment for your children and believe our fees continue to represent excellent value within the local area.

If you would like to discuss this further, or if you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support — it is truly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Theresa Miller and The Committee of St. Charles Catholic Pre-school