



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### **Important information regarding Nursery funding and wrap around (Breakfast Club and CHAMPS)**

Parents and carers- please see important updates below regarding about Nursery and Wrap Around services.

#### **Nursery & Wrap Around Care Fee Increase.**

In line with the increase to the free funding rates, the **Nursery and Wrap Around Care Hourly Rate** is being increased to **£5.00 an hour** from **September 2024**.

**Tax Free Childcare** can be used for Nursery and Wrap Around Care Fees: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

#### **Nursery Funded Hours**

All 3 and 4 Year olds get 15 hours of free funding.

30 hours of free childcare is also available to 3 and 4 year olds if eligible. This will be extended to 2 year olds from September 2025.

Free funding can be used for Nursery and Wrap Around Care.

#### **Free Funding for 2 Year Olds.**

You can usually get 15 hours of funded childcare if both the following apply:

- your child is 2 years old or will turn 2 years old before 1 April 2024.
- you earn at least £8,670 a year and less than £100,000 a year adjusted net income, which is your income after some tax reliefs and deductions.

If you're a couple, you'll both need to earn between these amounts.

If you already get 15 funded hours of childcare (24U) from the government, you can't get these hours as well.

You can get the 15 hours of funded childcare at the same time as using Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit for childcare.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

#### **Nursery Fee Paying Sessions**

From the start of the New School Year **Nursery Invoices will be on Arbor** and will have to be paid on Arbor unless parents use a Tax Free Childcare scheme to pay for fee paying Nursery sessions. If a Tax Free Childcare scheme is being used, parents will need to look on Arbor to find how much they owe and then pay in the usual way via their Tax Free Childcare system. The Finance Team will then Top Up the Nursery accounts with the Tax Free payment.



### **Changes to Wrap Around Care Sessions (breakfast club and CHAMPs)**

From September 2024 all Wrap Around Care will need to be **paid before the sessions can be booked**. This means that Wrap Around Care accounts will need to be topped up enough to cover the sessions you are booking.

**All Wrap Around Care accounts will need to be in credit or at zero by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.** Further information about when bookings open for the Autumn term will follow from schools.

For those parents who use any of the Tax-Free Childcare schemes, you will need to request the payments from your Tax-Free Childcare scheme in plenty of time to allow the money to be received into the SGET bank account so the Finance Team can Top Up your children(s) Arbor account.

### **Changes for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals**

Sadly, due to financial pressures on schools, **pupils receiving Free School Meals will be charged for wrap around care** starting September 2024.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Hattie Barnes on [admin@chcacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@chcacademy.co.uk).

Regards,

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