

1 CHARGES FOR ADDITIONAL NURSERY SERVICES (AN 282-2004)

The Education Department delivers childcare services as part of their nursery provision at the start and end of the school day. These services provide support to parents in employment or training and are a key element of Dundee City Council's commitment to delivering integrated childcare and early education to meet a diverse range of need. The charges for childcare services have not increased since August 2002.

Services will continue to be provided free of charge to children who have significant educational, social, emotional and/or health needs, who would benefit from additional provision and whose parents are in receipt of Income Support. Income Support is an income related (means tested) benefit paid by the Benefits Agency to certain groups of people who do not have enough money to live on.

Services will continue to be provided flexibly to meet the needs of parents and charges will be made to enable parents to select the best package of care and education for their child and to fit with their requirements.

This proposal seeks approval to increase nursery fees from the beginning of the school session 2004/2005 by 2.5% in line with inflation. The table below outlines existing and proposed new charges.

Service Hours	Existing Charge	Proposed New Charge
8.15am- 9.00am	£10.00 per week	£10.25 per week
Lunch (11. 30 - 12. 45)	£10.00 per week	£10.25 per week
3.15pm- 4.15pm	£12.50 per week	£13.00 per week
3.15pm- 5.15pm	£25.00 per week	£25.50 per week
9am- 3.15pm	£40.00 per week	£41.00 per week

It is anticipated that some additional nursery provision will be available from 8am until 6pm from August 2004, in areas where there is sufficient demand. Further approval will be sought at a later date from the Education Committee for revised charges to take account of this development.

The Sub Committee is asked to approve the introduction of the revised charges as outlined above from the start of the new school session for children on Tuesday 17th August, 2004.