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Riding Mill Outdoor Preschool

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring term, we would like to thank you for your continuing support of RMOP. As a committee, we are proud that the vision and values for outdoor learning at RMOP, which we established in 2018, continue to be demonstrated every single day. Hopefully by now you will have met Iona, our talented new Deputy Leader, and appreciate – as we do – the strength of the staff team.

As you will know, RMOP is a Limited Company and a Registered Charity. As such, our committee includes Directors of the Company and Trustees of the Charity and we have a legal responsibility to safeguard the future viability of the organisation. With this in mind, the committee has recently approved a revised fee structure which will come into effect at the start of the Summer term 2024 (see table below). This takes into account our increased running costs as well as a substantial rise in the National Living Wage from April 2024. We are confident that this new structure will help to ensure that RMOP can continue to offer the current high staffing ratios and outdoor learning experiences which make our setting so special. Even with these essential increases, we still believe that our fee structure represents excellent value for money.

	Under 3	Over 3
Core AM session 9am-1pm (4 hours)	£28 +£1 voluntary snack*	£24 +£1 voluntary snack*
Core FULL DAY session 9am-3pm (6 hours)	£42 +£2 voluntary snack*	£36 +£2 voluntary snack*
Scurries 8am-9am and 3pm-5pm	£7 per hour or part thereof	£6 per hour or part thereof
Scurries for BFS pupils	AM session 8am-8.45am	£5
Scurries for BFS pupils	PM session 3.15pm (leave by 4pm)	£5
Scurries for BFS pupils	PM session 3.15pm (leave by 5pm)	£8.50

* A note about 'snack'. This is a historical term that doesn't really explain that your contribution isn't just for all the food that hungry children devour, but also cooking ingredients, trips offsite and additional Forest School resources.

Invoicing will remain termly in advance for core hours, as per the RMOP Terms and Conditions. If you require regular Scurries sessions each week, and would like to secure a space for your child please let Ruth know when you confirm your required sessions for the term. You will then be invoiced for these at the start of the term. Note that these regular booked Scurries sessions will be considered part of your child's core hours and therefore all fees are payable regardless of absence. Any additional ad hoc sessions will continue to be invoiced at the end of the current half term.

Just a reminder: if you need to make any changes to your child's bookings, please ensure that the request is in writing so that our records are up to date. As a small charity, we do have to make sure that we balance the books and even a small reduction in income can affect our budgeting for staffing ratios. Happily, most changes are for increases in hours and Ruth is always happy to receive these!

Thank you for trusting us to care for your children and being part of the RMOP family. We are planning some social and fundraising events in the coming months. If you would like to help with the planning of these, please contact Leader Ruth or any member of the Management Committee team. Look out for details of the **Family Treasure Walk** during the Easter break, and make a note in your diary of the **Quiz Night** on Friday 11th May. Book your babysitter now so that you can join the village quizzers in the Parish Hall!

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

On behalf of the Management Committee Team (Carole Smith, Helen Ridley, Jen Stephenson, Laura Gabbey, Alex Wade, Amanda Morgan, Kathryn Davidson)