

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

**RE. New Fee Schedule for 2020**

Dear Families,

Based on consideration of future costs involved in running the centre, the Management Committee has agreed on a \$2.00 increase for each session charge for 2020. Penalty and registration fees will remain the same. 2019 and 2020 fees are listed below.

Our new fees (commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020) are as follows –

<b>PERMANENT</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>CASUAL</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Morning Care</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>Morning Care</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$19</b>
<b>Afternoon Care</b>	<b>\$21</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>Afternoon Care</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>\$26</b>

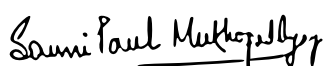
Last term the Department of Education issued us with our new lease agreement for the next 3 years, which included a substantial increase in our yearly licence fee. EBASCA pays rent to the Department for use of premises on school grounds. Since our last agreement was signed 3 years ago the formula used to calculate yearly rent for OOSH services has changed. This, combined with an increase in the average number of children attending the service, means we are now faced with an increase of double the 2019 licence fee. Other before and after school care services in the area have faced the same situation over the last 6 months.

The Management Committee undertook to negotiate this increase with representatives at the Department as we felt the change in circumstances over the last 14 months warranted special consideration, especially since our physical space has changed so dramatically. Unfortunately, the Department is unmoving on the new figure. We were able to postpone the implementation on the increase to the start of next year. Originally it was proposed to come into effect from the start of Term 4 this year.

Taking into consideration the increase in rent from the Department of Education for 2020 (which has doubled from 2019) and the associated costs with operating at maximum capacity (additional staffing, insurance premiums, rent increase, programming and resources etc), this fee structure will ensure we can adequately cater for the needs of the children and maintain a viable financial position as a not for profit business.

If you have any questions please direct your queries to the Management Committee or the Management Team.

Kind Regards,



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