

30th November 2025

January 2026 Fee Increase – Kids Planet Victoria Hospital

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below a notification of a price increase for childcare at Kids Planet Victoria Hospital. Following our fee review, which occurs every 12 months, the new fees will take effect from 1st January 2026.

In common with all providers in the Early Years sector, we continue to face significant cost increases, most notably in relation to employment cost, the largest expense for an Early Years Nursery. Increases in National Minimum and National Living Wages have been significant. In April 2025, these increased by between 6.7% and 18%, and will increase again in April 2026 by a further 4.1% to 8.5% (dependent on age and training status). In addition to this, the Employers' National Insurance increased by 1.2% in April 2025, with the 0% threshold also reducing from £9,100 to £5,000 which increased our wage bill by around a further 5%.

While inflation has now started to stabilise, we are still seeing relatively high increases in costs that impact the nursery. Food inflation remains high at 4.9% (increasing 37.2% over the last 5 years), and the cost of Utilities continues to climb.

Staffing remains a key challenge for many sectors, including Early Years Education, and we must therefore remain competitive across all staffing levels to ensure we continue to attract and retain high-quality people who will provide the best care and education for the young children in our services.

As a result of this review, from 1st January 2026, our new fees will be:

Hourly Rate	From	To	0-2 Years	2-3 Years	3-5 Years
Full Day (NHS Staff)	07:30	18:00	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00
Full day	07.30	18.00	£76.25	£76.25	£76.25
Morning (NHS Staff)	07:30	13:00	£46.25	£46.25	£46.25
Morning	07.30	13.00	£53.55	£53.55	£53.55
Afternoon (NHS Staff)	13:00	18:00	£46.25	£46.25	£46.25
Afternoon	13.00	18.00	£53.55	£53.55	£53.55
Full Time (NHS Staff)	07:30	18:00	£301.95	£301.95	£301.95
Full Time	07.30	18.00	£348.75	£348.75	£348.75
Early Bird (NHS Staff)	07:00	07:30	£6.75	£6.75	£6.75
Early Bird	07.00	07.30	£7.80	£7.80	£7.80
Adhoc Hourly Charge (NHS Staff)			£9.25	£9.25	£9.25
Adhoc Hourly Charge			£10.71	£10.71	£10.71
Fully Funded Hourly Charge			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Additional Charges			0 -2 Years	2-3 Years	3-5 Years
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Late Collection Charge (per 15 mins)			£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
Late Payment Fee (Every 30 Days)			£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Meals (Full Day)*			£7.00	£7.00	£7.00
Consumables (Full Day)*			£2.00	£2.00	£2.00
Activities (Full Day)*			£1.00	£1.00	£1.00
Meals (Half Day)*			£3.50	£3.50	£3.50
Consumables (Half Day)*			£1.00	£1.00	£1.00
Activities (Half Day)*			£0.50	£0.50	£0.50
Meals (Short Day)*			£5.60	£5.60	£5.60
Consumables (Short Day)*			£1.60	£1.60	£1.60
Activities (Short Day)*			£0.80	£0.80	£0.80

** Please note that while all standard sessions are listed above, we occasionally arrange one-off or custom sessions that may not be included here. These bespoke arrangements will also be subject to the same percentage increase as all other sessions.*

Kids Planet aims to continue to develop our outstanding standards of care and early years education, and to continue to invest in the nursery settings. We are committed to the recruitment and development of our staff teams and our priority is always the happiness, safety, and development of your children. This increase in fee rate will enable us to achieve our goals on this front and to ensure we are growing with the highest calibre of colleagues who care for your children.

Yours faithfully,



Colin Anderton
CFO