

3rd May 2019



Dear Parents

At last we have feedback from the school offering us the chance to carry on our letting for the coming year! Thanks for your patience in waiting for this decision.

The offer was made to me this morning with a few changes. The good news however is that we are continuing our service and can now crack on with the registration for the coming year.

The main changes are cost and space that is available. They have since confirmed we have access to one room (rather than 2) as the second room will be used as a classroom for the coming year. Therefore, we can only offer places for 40-43 children a night with wrap around support at the Church.

The other change is regarding an increase of 26% more rental cost in the year; this includes an additional cost to use the outside playground and field, in order that this money will go towards the upkeep of these areas.

Therefore, I hope you understand that I have had to review the fees I charge in order to keep the service going to the current standard. I have researched the price that onsite school clubs charge for out of school care and found them to be much higher than CandyStripe. I do not propose such a large increase. Schools generally charge £12.50 per session for evenings.

Our new fees for September for evenings will be £10.80 until 5.30pm (sibling £10.30) and £11.50 until 6pm (sibling £11). With regards to mornings the price will remain at the normal inflation and costs increase to £6.40 per session and for siblings £5.90. I have tried to minimise the increase to you where possible.

The only other charge increase is the registration fee we charge each year. This is currently £15 per family and will now change to £20 for the first child and £10 extra for siblings per year. These costs will be added into your yearly cost and spread across the year. So, what happens now:

- If you are happy to proceed you just need to sit tight as your place is secure and we will confirm this to you soon. If however you do not want the service please let us know in an email to info@candystripeinc.co.uk or janette@candystripeinc.co.uk.
- We are fortunate this year to have all your details already on our computer system ready to go; which means no new forms for current customers, but checks will be made that details are correct. Any changes to numbers, addresses, dietary changes etc please email janette@candystripeinc.co.uk
- We can guarantee places for up to 43 but our current figures show we are at this point already, so I do not see any issues if you are keeping your booking the same as last year. The only issue could be siblings or extra sessions so please contact us asap.
- We will look at space available for siblings as a priority and then new starters.
- You don't have to complete a new form unless it for is for new sibling or new starter. If there is no space onsite, we can look at care at Lidgett Park Church.
- So if you have a sibling and want to register them please call Janette on the number below to confirm their details or email janette@candystripeinc.co.uk.

If you want to talk to me about any of the changes taking place please call 0113 268 9443 option 2 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday or email me at anna@candystripeinc.co.uk I can also be contacted on 0113 268 9443 option 6. I am more than willing to come and meet you face to face to discuss in person if required.

Once again thanks for your patience and I look forward to supporting you with your childcare needs over the coming year.

Kind regards

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