

Childcare Offer & Charges Template

Section 1 - Setting Details	
Ofsted Registration No.	2664830
Setting Name	Lauren Darch - Childminder
Address	10 Park Avenue, Ormskirk
Postcode	L39 3LB

Section 2 – Description Of Services Offered	
Opening days & times	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7:30am-6pm
Weeks open in year	46 weeks
Term time only places	None – year-round only
Available sessions	7:30am-6pm
Age ranges	0-3
Notes:	<i>I have always been a year-round setting offering full-day care only, have never offered term-time only or shorter days since I started this job (even before funding), as I need an income for my solo-income household year-round. Parents know this when they enquire, I have many parents who need to utilise full-day, year-round care – this is why they choose my setting, as I offer longer days to other settings. I also do not offer school holiday only care as my families attend year-round.</i>

Section 3 - Early Education Funding Offer & Delivery Patterns					
Options	Session times	Total funded hours per day	Days of the week available	Term time availability	Stretched Hours
1	7:30am-5:30pm	10	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	None	None
2	9am-4:30pm	7.5	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	None	None
Notes:	<i>Option 2 is offered whereby a family just attends two days with me and want to split funding with another setting. Or if a child is eligible for 15 hours funding only.</i>				

Section 4 - Charges for Additional Hours			
Where families require additional hours over and above their daily funded entitlements, charges will be applied as follows:			
Chargeable Times	Under 2's	2 Year Olds	3 & 4 Year Olds
5:30-6pm	£3	£3	N/A
7:30-9am	£10	£10	N/A

4:30-6pm	£10	£10	N/A
7:30am-6pm	£60	£60	N/A
Notes	<i>From September 2026 I am becoming a 0-3 setting, I will change my offerings through the form on the portal at this point as I will have a child receiving 3/4yo funding for the spring & summer terms. This is as a result of careful consideration over the last year or so.</i> <i>The 3/4yr funding rate is just not set up for a childminders small ratios, (it's less than my private daily rate which is just not viable unfortunately... I'd seen the extra from 9m & 2yr funding as a bonus but an income halved over the course of a child's time with me, ending in me earning less than my private daily rate at a time a child eats more, needs more activities to entertain them and costs more in entrance fees to attractions is crazy - I'm sure you can understand how this just doesn't make any logical sense for a childminder who can only take 3 little ones a day, especially when all 3 little ones turn 3 in the same term).</i> <i>Most parents are now choosing to send their 3/4yo's to pre-school the term after they turn 3 given the government are putting so much into advertising this as the best for their child.</i> <i>There has been a huge surge in parents enquiring for spaces for their babies in my small, home from home setting so they can return to work after maternity leave so this will help those parents. I will be able to focus provision in my setting with resources, activities, and outings, such as baby groups towards the younger age group in my setting.</i>		

Section 5 – Charges for Meals & Snacks		
Description	Unit	Unit Price
<i>N/A - don't charge extra. Breakfast, lunch, tea & morning snack included in both private daily rate and funding.</i>		
Notes		

Section 6 Charges for Non-Food Consumables		
Description	Unit	Unit Price
<i>N/A - don't charge extra for any non-food consumables – included in both private daily rate and funding.</i>		
Notes		

Section 7 Charges for Extra Activities		
Description	Unit	Unit Price
<i>N/A - don't charge extra for any outings or additional activities – included in both private daily rate and funding.</i>		
Notes		

Section 8 – Opt-Out Policy & Reasonable Alternatives
<i>I do not charge extra/consumables for extras, meals, outings, activities etc to make things simpler for myself and to offer parents great value for money childcare, I provide it all within both my private daily rate and funding. I know my current parents value this and are often thankful for everything I provide and how much funding has reduced their childcare fees.</i>
<i>If a parent wishes to change their days of attendance or decides they no longer need the extra 30 minutes care between 5:30-6pm I require a terms notice to make changes – I follow the funding terms with any changes.</i>

Section 9 - Other Charges		
Description	Unit	Unit Price
N/A		
N/A		
N/A		

Section 10 – Tax Free Childcare
<i>I accept tax-free childcare; all current parents are signed up for this and pay any monthly fees through this scheme. If parents have received the childcare element of universal credit in the past, this has been paid directly to them upon universal credit receiving confirmation of their payment to me along with uploaded invoice and confirmation of payment from their banking app – they pay me any fees due direct via bank transfer.</i>