



# Childcare Fee Schedule

*Effective 1 April 2025*

**Children 0-1.5 years ----- \$13 - 16 per hour**

**Children 1.5- 3 years ----- \$12 - 15 per hour**

**Children 3+ years ----- \$11 - 14 per hour**

## **Our Fees**

Our childcare fees are the same competitive price across all our daycare centers in Auckland Metropolitan Area.

For our fee schedule and terms and conditions please see our details below or talk to us any time.

## **All Childcare Fees include paper, craft & educational materials.**

Please read these terms carefully and discuss anything that is not clear to you.

## **Fees and Payment of Fees**

An enrolment fee of \$25.00 is payable at the time of enrolment. This is a one off fee and is nonrefundable.

Daycare fees must be paid directly to your Home Educator for every day that your child is enrolled, including any day your child is absent.

## **Late Payment of Childcare Fees**

Early/late fees should be discussed directly with Home Educator. Failure to pay fees may result in a cancellation of your enrolment.

## **20 Hours ECE**

The center is a provider of 20 hours ECE for 3-5-year-old children. A child is eligible for this on their third birthday. 20 hours is available for up to six hours per day. As MI Kids home-based kindergartens are open for 10.5 hours per day and partially on weekends, fees will be charged for the hours not covered by the provision of 20 hours ECE.

## **‘Top up’ Charges**

Our Home Kaiako may require payments from parents to ‘top up’ the amount of 20 Hours ECE funding pass-through from MI Kids service provider to match their hourly fees for hours outside of 20 Hours ECE when a portion of the 20 Hours ECE funding is lower than the Home Kaiako’s regular hourly fee. The top-up payment will be no more than the difference between the educator’s hourly fee for hours outside of 20 Hours ECE and the service provider’s pass through.

You will be asked agree to this top-up payment as a condition of enrolment in the Enrolment Agreement Form. Once agreed to, the payment is enforceable as a compulsory payment.

## **Optional Charges**

If you request any extra services or items (specific teaching resources such as a dance or music teacher, clothing items such as sun hats; nappies, special diet food products, etc.), if you agreed so with your Home Kaiako and have chosen these options in your child’s Enrolment Agreement form, you might be required to pay Optional Charges for these aspects of education and care, which can be separated out and measured, to your Home Kaiako. For further information on Optional Charges please refer to Chapter 4 of the Early Childhood Education Funding Handbook or Ministry of Education Website. Either MI Kids or you may review these decisions regarding optional charges and initiate a change to the agreement at any time. Any change to agreements on optional charges will be recorded as a change to the enrolment agreement.

Optional charges can be requested at any time after enrolment. Therefore, if requested at the time of planning the excursion, the charge can reflect real and actual costs.

## **Work and Income**

If you have a WINZ subsidy you are still responsible to ensure that your account is paid in advance at all times and any part which is not covered by the subsidy. If you are eligible for MSD’s childcare subsidy or guaranteed childcare assistance payment (GCAP), you can use these subsidies to pay for home-based

educator top up payments. MSD will pay these subsidies to the service provider (not the parent), and they will be passed on in full to the educator. It is your responsibility to let Work and Income know of any changes to circumstances or your child's attendance. It is your responsibility to inform Work and Income of any benefits you have through the 20 hours ECE scheme.

### **Collection of Children**

The service is licensed by The Ministry of Education from 7:30am-6:00pm, Monday to Sunday and must close strictly at this time. Please contact your Home Kaiako if unforeseen circumstances make it impossible for you to pick up your child on time.

Please note children may only leave the home kindergarten with adults listed on the enrolment form. A late pick up fee may be charged by your Home Educator.

### **Holidays and Absences**

MI Kids does NOT operate on Statutory Holidays. If the booking falls on Statutory Holidays, we do not charge for these days as we are officially closed.

For long planned absences, e.g. vacations etc. parents pay 100% of our weekly fee for the first week, then 50% of our weekly fee for the following weeks. This rule will apply to top-up payments that compensate for the difference between the usual cost of the Home Kaiako services and the 20 hours ECE payments. This must be applied for in writing 2 weeks before the first day of the holiday. You need to discuss any extended absences with the centre manager.

### **Changes and Notice Periods**

We require two weeks' notice in writing if you wish to terminate or change a permanent booking. Change of Enrolment forms are available in any of our MI Kids homes. Please inform Work and Income of any changes made.

### **MI Kids Service's Rules and Policies**

The terms and conditions are not exhaustive. Detailed terms and conditions are contained in service's policy documents, rules, procedure, notices and charters.

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