



## Rudolf Steiner School Trust (Chch)

23 January 2019

### Important letter re Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate for under 5-year-old pupils & Kindergarten Fees

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of an increase to the Kindergarten Fee Rate (Under 3-year olds) and the Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate (3-5 yrs. olds).

The Proprietor's Trust is the legal entity responsible for providing the land and buildings for the Kindergarten and School, for monitoring the special character and running the Kindergarten operation for the under-fives. The Trust Board has reluctantly had to increase the 2019 Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate and the Kindergarten Hourly Rate in order to cover the inflationary increases for maintenance, capital improvements and staff costs.

Both the Kindergarten Fee Rate and the Optional Kindergarten Hourly Rate are essential for us to maintain the level of quality service and to help fund: -

- Kindergarten staffing above the minimum requirements;
- Eurythmy sessions;
- Quality materials (e.g. crayons, paint, Bio Dynamic flour etc);
- Purchase of plant and equipment;
- Repairs and maintenance; and
- Insurance.

The 2019 Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate will be:

	2019 Hourly Rate	20 hours per week	20 hours per year
<b>Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate (3-5 yr olds)</b>	<b>\$2.40</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>	<b>\$1,920</b>

The 2019 Kindergarten Hourly Rate will be:

	2019 Hourly Rate	4 hrs 15 min a week	8 hrs 30 min a week	12 hrs 45 min a week	17 hrs a week
<b>Kindergarten Hourly Rate (Under 3 years)</b>	<b>\$5.60</b>	<b>\$23.80</b>	<b>\$47.60</b>	<b>\$71.40</b>	<b>\$95.20</b>

Please remember that the Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate is a donation. After March those who have paid the Kindergarten Optional Hourly Rate will receive a tax receipt. This can be used to claim a tax credit of 33% from Inland Revenue.

We would like to thank the Kindergarten community for their ongoing commitment and support and appreciate your financial assistance. This allows the facilities and special character to be developed and maintained for the benefit of all our tamariki and whanau.

We encourage you to change your automatic payment in time for the start of the 2019 year to allow us to continue our current activity and plan for further development of the School.

We would also encourage anyone who is able to, to donate a little more to cover any shortfall arising from those who may have difficulty meeting these increases.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cummins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Cummins  
For the Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School Trust