



He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua  
Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated

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# FAQs to support teachers and administrators – 2022/23

## Fee increases

This document is to support teachers with answers to possible questions from whānau about fee changes and increases.

Please note: “School day” refers to kindergartens offering six and/or seven-hour sessions only  
“Full day” refers to kindergartens offering sessions that last for more than seven hours

### 1. Why are fees being increased?

- An increase is essential for the financial sustainability of Whānau Manaaki and our ability to continue providing valuable services to our communities.
- We provide 20 hours free to all children, not just three, four, and five-year-olds like many other providers.  
(Please note: the two exceptions are Paremata Creche and Arohanui Kindergarten. We will be working with these two services on an individual basis because of their unique historical situations).
- We need to be consistent across our region in terms of fees – at the moment there are a range of fees charged based on historical reasons.
- We charge lower-than-average fees compared to other providers in our region and we want to continue to make Kindergarten accessible to as many as possible.
- Fees have not changed in some areas for three years and in others for nine years.

The Association is committed to working in partnership with whānau through this change. We do not want to lose a single family because of affordability, so we urge you to work with us in cases of hardship.

### 2. Who will the increased fees affect?

- Whānau who access more than 20 hours at kindergarten
- Whānau with three-and four-year-olds who attest some or all their 20 hours to other providers.
- Whānau who access more than 6 hours per day (government funding only covers six hours).

### 3. Why are Whanganui and Central Plateau school day Kindergartens facing higher fee increases than other kindergartens?

- School day kindergartens in Whanganui and the Central Plateau have traditionally offered 30 hours free to all children, however we are only funded for 20 of these hours. Offering 30 hours has become increasingly unsustainable.
- Other school day kindergartens already charge fees for more the 20 hours, this brings these kindergartens in line with our other school day kindergartens.

#### 4. Will there be any change to the Associations 20 hours Free ECE or Whānau Contributions?

No. Kindergartens will continue to extend 20 hours free ECE to all children, 0 – 5 years (unless 3 – 5 year olds attest their free hours at another service). Whānau Contributions will remain at a requested 50 cents per hour up to \$10 per week.

#### 5. How does 20 hours Free ECE work?

- The first 20 hours a child is enrolled is 100% subsidized with funding from government as well as the association. If a child is 3 or older and their “free” hours are attested at another ECE service, then we will charge a fee.
- Any further hours are charged to families at an hourly rate depending on the structure of the kindergarten and the region.

#### 6. Whānau Contributions and Fees – what is the difference?

- Fees are charged for the hours your child attends kindergarten, that exceed the free ECE hours.
- Whānau Contributions are a voluntary donation and:
  - a) The amount that we ask for is merely a suggestion based on our operating costs. This is to cover the short fall between government funding and fees, and the actual cost of running our kindergartens.
  - b) The suggested amount is a maximum of \$10 per week.
  - c) If you cannot pay the full amount we ask of you then that’s ok, please pay what you can because every bit helps.
  - d) Inland Revenue also consider Whānau contributions as a donation and can be claimed as a tax credit (IR526) when you lodge your annual tax return.

#### 7. What can be done for families experiencing hardship?

- As has always been the case, individual circumstances will be considered. Head Teachers are able to email the details of a particular case or cases to the CEO who then makes the decision about whether we are able to offer more support.
  - a. Your families may qualify to receive a Childcare subsidy to help pay for some or the full cost of their child’s fees. To see if they qualify, they need to call MSD on 0800 559 009 and or read the attached MSD fact sheet and Childcare rates sheet. [You can link to the Childcare Assistance Application Form here.](#)
  - b. Association financial advisor Robyn Mareko is available to talk with families who are struggling to meet their commitment to fees. She works with families to establish a realistic payment plan and address any concerns they have about meeting payments. **Robyn can be contacted via phone or email. Phone: (04)232 1747 or (021)226 5831 Email: [robyn.mareko@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:robyn.mareko@wmkindergartens.org.nz)**
- If you have a family you wish to be considered for a fee waiver refer to the ‘Fee Waiver Information Sheet’. Please remember, the request needs to come from the Head Teacher.

## 8. What should families expect from their Whānau Manaaki statements?

- Statements are sent fortnightly and outline the fees charged and payments made in the previous two weeks.
- If we have an incorrect or outdated email loaded into the system or payments are up to date families will not receive a statement.
- Statements are only generated when there is an outstanding balance due.

## 9. What happens if a family gets a high debt level?

- We have people in our office who monitor fee debt, and if need be, will talk to families (and in many instances to the Head Teacher) and come up with solutions.
- We do not refer families to debt collection agencies.

## 10. Will fees be different in school day kindergartens that are open during the term breaks?

No. The fee levels will increase as they have been outlined, but the way fees are charged in School Day kindergartens during term breaks will remain the same – ie. fees will only be charged if whānau attend their booked hours during term breaks.

## 11. What are the bank accounts to pay fees and contributions to?

### ***Fees bank account:***

**Bank:** ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited

**Payee name:** Whanau Manaaki Kindergartens Limited

**Account number:** 06-0541-0220620-03

**Particulars:** child's reference number (e.g RM123)

**Code:** Kindergarten name (e.g DurieHill)

**Reference:** child's name (e.g RobynM)

### ***Whānau Contributions bank account:***

**Bank:** ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited

**Payee name:** Whanau Manaaki Kindergartens Limited

**Account number:** 06-0541-0220620-04

**Particulars:** child's reference number (e.g RM123)

**Code:** Kindergarten name (e.g DurieHill)

**Reference:** child's name (e.g RobynM)

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## 12. What are the fee increases?

### *Kindergartens in Wairarapa and Upper Hutt*

- From May 2, 2022, fees at our 14 non-equity funded school day kindergartens will increase from \$4 to \$5 per hour, and fees at Carterton Kindergarten will move from \$3 to \$5.
- Fees at our 5 equity-funded school day kindergartens will stay at \$3 per hour for 2022, with an increase planned for next year
- From May 2, 2022, fees at Matariki and Kahurangi (full day) will increase from \$6 to \$7 per hour.

### *Kindergartens in Whanganui and Central Plateau*

- From May 2, 2022 fees at our 8 school-day non-equity funded kindergartens will increase from no fees to \$3 per hour, with another increase planned for next year.
- From May 2, 2022 fees at our 5 equity-funded school day kindergartens will increase from no fees to \$1 per hour, with a further increase next year.
- From May 2, 2022, fees at Waiouru and Totara Puku Kindergartens (full day) will increase from \$6 to \$7 per hour.
- Please see attached table for further details.

## EQUITY FUNDED KINDERGARTENS

School Day + Full Day Wellington, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Kāpiti, and Horowhenua

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	Current Equity Discount (\$)	New Hourly (\$)	New Equity Discount (\$)	Fee to Whānau (\$)	20hrs Free
Ascot Park Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Awatea Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Betty Montford Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Fanau Pasifika Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Katoa Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Maraeroa Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Moira Gallagher Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Nuanua Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Otaki Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Parsons Ave Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Tairangi Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Taitoko Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Titahi Bay Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Tui Park Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Wellington South Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Te Timatanga Hou Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes
Toru Fetu Kindergarten	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	Yes

School Day Whanganui and Central Plateau

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	Current Equity Discount (\$)	Current Hrs Free	New Hourly (\$)	New Equity Discount (\$)	Fee to Whānau (\$)	20hrs Free
Aramoho Kindergarten	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes
Barsanti Kindergarten	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes
Central Kindergarten	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes
Gonville Kindergarten	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes
Marie McFarland Kindergarten	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes
Wanganui East	6.33	0.00	30	3.00	2.00	1.00	Yes

School Day Upper Hutt and Wairarapa

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	Current Equity Discount (\$)	New Hourly (\$)	New Equity Discount (\$)	Fee to Whānau (\$)	20hrs Free
Brown Owl Kindergarten	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	Yes
Manaia Kindergarten	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	Yes
Meta Riddiford Kindergarten	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	Yes
South End Kindergarten	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	Yes
Una Williams Kindergarten	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	Yes

## NON-EQUITY FUNDED KINDERGARTENS

School Day Wellington, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Kāpiti and Horowhenua

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	New Rate (\$)	20hrs Free
Adventure Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Bellevue Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Berhampore Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Brian Webb Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Brooklyn Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Campbell Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Churton Park Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Discovery Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
East Harbour Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Hataitai Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Island Bay Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Johnsonville West Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Karori Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Khandallah Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Lyall Bay Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Matairangi Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Miramar Central Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Miramar North Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Newlands Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Newtown Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Ngahina Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Ngaio Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Northland Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Onslow Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Papakowhai Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Paparāangi Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Paraparaumu Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Paremata Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Petone Beach Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Petone Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Piko Piko Clyde Quay Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Plimmerton Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Pukerua Bay Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Raumati Beach Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Raumati South Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Seatoun Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Strathmore Park Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Sunshine Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Tawa Central Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Wadestown Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes
Waikanae Kindergarten	5.00	6.00	Yes

School Day Whanganui and Central Plateau

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	Current Hrs Free	New Rate (\$)	20hrs Free
Durie Hill/Polson Park Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
Harriette Vine Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
Maxwell and Districts Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
Ohakune Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
Putiki Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
St Johns Hill Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes
Taihape Kindergarten	6.33	30	3.00	Yes

School Day Upper Hutt and Wairarapa

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	New Rate (\$)	20hrs Free
Birchville Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Cottle Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Carterton Kindergarten	3.00	5.00	Yes
Doris Nicholson Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Greytown Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Heretaunga Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Irmgard Ritchie Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Lansdowne Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Martinborough Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Masterton West Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Silverstream Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Totara Park Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Trentham Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
Upper Hutt Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes
York Street Kindergarten	4.00	5.00	Yes

Full Day and Exceptions

Kindergarten	Current Hourly Rate (\$)	New Rate (\$)	20hrs Free
Arohanui Kindergarten	6.00	6.00	Yes (3-5 yr olds)
Kahurangi All Day Kindergarten	6.00	7.00	Yes
Matariki Kindergarten	6.00	7.00	Yes
Owhiro Bay Kindergarten	6.00	7.00	Yes
Paremata Creche Kindergarten	8.00	8.00	Yes (3-5 yr olds)
Tai Tamariki Kindergarten	7.00	7.00	Yes
Te Manawanui Kindergarten	0.00	1.00*	Yes
Te Puna Ako Ki Totara Puku	6.00	7.00	Yes
Waiouru Kindergarten	6.00	7.00	Yes
Waitohi Kindergarten	6.00	7.00	Yes

\* Equity Funding Discount Applied