



## Frequently Asked Questions - Alpine Children's Services 2020 Fees

1. What is Alpine Children's Services philosophy regarding fees?

ACS is a proud not-for-profit service with a vision to deliver high quality, affordable and sustainable early childhood education that meets the needs of the local community. To do so, we are increasingly engaging more Bachelor qualified teachers/educators. We have a policy to deliver parity across all services and set fees for programs at the same hourly rate, wherever possible.

2. When were the fees last increased?

Alpine Children's Services fees last increase was in July 2018.

3. What are the fees for 2020?

- Long day - The new fee for a long day is \$115 from 6 January 2020, an increase of \$5 from \$110.
- Short day - The new fee for a short day is \$95 from 6 January 2020, an increase of \$5 from \$90. The short day programs cost more per hour to provide, as staff are rostered for the long day to accommodate all children's attendances. The service must provide multiple staff from open to close, and the short-day bookings prohibit the booking of a long day child.
- The fee increase brings the hourly rate for long day care to \$11.60 and \$12.60 for a short day.
- Out of School Hours Care - Fees for OSHC have not increased in some time and do not reflect the cost of operating the service. This fee will increase from \$20 to \$22.50 per session (3.30 to 6.30pm).

4. When do the fees come into effect?

2020 fees come into effect on 6 January, 2020.

5. How much will I be out of pocket?

Based on attendance two days per week, once the Child Care Subsidy is applied:

- Families on a combined income of less than \$67,000 will pay \$75 more over 12 months than they currently do.
- Families on a combined income of \$100,000 per year will pay \$125 more over 12 months than currently.
- Families on a combined income between \$175,000 and \$252,000 will pay \$250 more over 12 months than they currently do.

6. Why have the fees increased?

The costs of providing high quality programs and operating the business are increasing. This includes utilities, insurances, food and staffing. In July 2019 staffing costs increased by 4% and are expected to increase by 4% in July 2020, in line with the national wage case. While staff salaries and associated costs are nearly 80% of our overall expenditure, we are actively working to reduce costs.

If you have any questions, please speak to the centre co-ordinator or admin team in your local centre; we'd be happy to discuss this with you.

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## 2020 Fee Table

2020 fees	Program
	<b>ALL SERVICES</b>
\$115.00	Long Day Care (ages 0-3)
\$95.00	Short Day Care (ages 0-3)
	<b>ALPINE VIEW &amp; MOUNTAIN VIEW</b>
\$48.00	4 year old Kindergarten only (7.5hours)
\$80.00	4 year old Kindergarten - integrated (10 hour)
	<b>LAKE VIEW</b>
\$32.00	4 year old Kindergarten only (5 hours)
\$64.00	4 year old Kindergarten integrated (7.5 hours)
\$95.00	4 year old Kindergarten integrated (10 hours)
\$65.00	3 year old Kindergarten (5 hours)
	<b>OSHC SERVICES</b>
\$22.50	OSHC 3.30-6.30
\$30.00	OSHC 2.30-6.30
\$63.00	OSHC vacation care
	<b>FAMILY DAY CARE (CHARGED HOURLY)</b>
\$11.50	FDC Monday - Friday
\$12.50	FDC Weekends & afterhours
\$14.50	FDC public holidays
<b>PER TERM</b>	<b>TAWONGA KINDERGARTEN - TERM FEE</b>
\$315.00	Monday and Wednesday