

MKPA PLAY SESSIONS 2024

Summary: The Council to consider the provision of play schemes in summer 2024. The item is on the agenda so that any preferred dates for sessions are more likely to be available.

1.0 NEW PRICING AND CHANGES TO LENGTH OF SESSIONS

1.1 For 2024, MK Play Association will be increasing the cost of their free access sessions as from April 2024. This will have an impact on the sessions we have been holding at Lady Margery's Gorse over the last couple of years.

The increase in pricing for 2024 is due to increases in:

- National Minimum Wage as from April 2024
- Van Hire
- Fuel
- Overheads
- Insurance

1.2 To keep costs down as much as possible, MKPA has reduced the length of the sessions provided. From April 2024, length of sessions are as follows:

2 hrs session (10am to 12pm or 1.30pm to 3.30pm) - £495
5 hr fun day session (10.30am to 3.30pm) - £990

2.0 NEW SESSIONS AVAILABLE

2.1 Feedback from parents is that the sessions do not provide for older children and so for 2024, MKPA are introducing sessions for 11 to 14 year olds. MKPA can offer:

3hrs age 11-14 session (10am to 1pm) - £990

3.0 OTHER SESSIONS

3.1 MKPA can provide play session at most large open spaces indoor areas and also indoor spaces.

4.0 COMPARISONS WITH 2023 COSTS

4.1 In 2023, the cost of a 2.5hr play session was £440. The Council provided for six sessions, 1 per week over the school summer holidays. This cost a total of £2,640.

4.2 Six 2hour sessions in 2024 will cost £2,970

4.3 The Council agreed a budget of £2,700 for 2024/2025 for summer play sessions.

5.0 DECISION

5.1 The Council to decide if it wishes to book MKPA play sessions for 2024.