## Late payment of fees

I work as a registered childminder as I love caring for children and supporting their development, however it is my chosen career and business. Like you, I too have bills and expenses to meet each month and, therefore, require a regular income. I would be grateful if you could ensure that you are prompt in paying your monthly invoice.

Payments are due on the 1st of every month. If I have not received payment within two days of the due date, I will issue you with a polite reminder. If I have still not received payment by the due date of the 1st following the original invoice I reserve the right to make an additional charge 'Late payment Fee' as per our contract to cover any bank charges I may have incurred. If at this point I still have not received payment I reserve the right to cease minding your child with immediate effect and seek legal advice, this may result in you being summoned to attend a hearing at County Court and if the judge finds in my favour you will also be liable to the Court for costs.

If you have had a change in personal circumstances and are now struggling to make payments, please let me know so we can make suitable arrangements. It may be that you are now entitled to additional funding through the Childcare element of the Working Tax Credit and other benefits.

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