

# Closing nursery warns of 'childcare crisis' <sup>[1]</sup>

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A Sheffield nursery is to close after 50 years in business as staff say they cannot afford to keep it open.

Hunter's Bar Playschool, which will shut its doors permanently on Thursday, offers early years provision for children aged between two and five and is a registered charity.

Emily Baughan, parents committee chair, said: "The government offers children 30 free hours, but the rate they pay us doesn't cover rent, staffing costs, heating, so we are one of a number of settings to go out of business since the pandemic."

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