

Is The Co-op a Paid or Unpaid Offering?

- Is this co-op free / requiring money in some way / a business?
- Non-businesslike co-op:
 - What expenses are there?
 - How much money is needed?
 - How do you decide how much each person pays?
 - Who's in charge of the money?
 - Be organised with money. Decide from the beginning all the details around money.
- Non-businesslike with a hired space
 - Who decides who pays the money?
 - How much do you pay?
 - Is it all equal / fair?
 - Who is the responsible person?
- Co-op with a hired tutor
 - Is money paid equally between each of the families?
 - Does everyone pay the same amount?
 - When do you pay?
 - How do you pay?
 - What do you pay?
 - Who's in charge of the money and follows up if money doesn't get paid?
 - Is it the parents or the educator making the decisions around money?

- Make sure everyone is on the same page as to how the money situation works
- Who / how do you pay for all the extras, ie. utilities, consumables etc.?
 - Ask all the previous questions
- Educator starts up a co-op
 - May be a parent or not
 - Educator's space / time / facilities / materials / support
 - Is each family paying the educator separately or are they pooling their money to pay for the educator?
 - Educator might be running everything or organising parents so that they are also responsible
 - Can be handy to have a paid person specifically in charge to take the weight off other parents
 - Is this the educator's income or is it just enough money to cover costs?

- Write this all down. Make sure everyone is on the same page so there are no misunderstandings.