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Dear Parents / Carer

At present, all three and four year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free Nursery Education per week for up to 38 weeks each year. From September 2017, the government will increase free childcare to 30 hours a week (for up to 38 weeks a year). However, this increase will only be available to families who meet certain criteria.

The additional 15 hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW), and less than £100,000 per year.

Working will include employed and self-employed persons. Parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hours a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours of work at NMW or NLW, which is £107 a week at the current NMW rate. This includes those parents on zero contract hours who meet the criteria.

Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will usually **not** be eligible for these additional hours. However, the government intends to make provision to support families where one parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or a disability and the other parent is working

Entitlement should be available in the following circumstances:

- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay;
- one parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring; or
- one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

With this in mind we are looking at how we can support our families in the best possible way and would very much appreciate your feedback prior to making decisions for the new academic year.

Child's Name: _____

Do you think you are entitled to 30 hours of free Nursery entitlement?

Yes

No

If you think you are eligible, would you intend to take up 30 hours of entitlement?

Yes

No

Would you require wrap around care? (Breakfast Club, After School Club outside of school hours)

Yes

No

If Nursery offered 15 hours of entitlement over 2 ½ days per week would this interest you?
(Please indicate below your preferred option)

Monday all day, Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning.

Wednesday afternoon, Thursday all day and Friday all day.

This would not interest me.

Do you require a morning or afternoon session place in September 2017?

Morning.

Afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Judith Reay
Headteacher