

Dear Parents,

Free funding for Nursery places

From September 2018, **ALL** nursery children will be entitled to 15 hours free funding for Nursery.

Parents requesting full time nursery places will either need to pay for the additional 15 hours or apply for the **30 hours free funding** for Nursery.

You will be eligible for the 30-hour funded childcare offer if:

- You earn more than the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or minimum wage per week: for example, £120 per week if you are 25 or older.

There is no requirement to work a certain amount of hours per week – it is all about how much you earn. This means if you only work 10 hours a week but earn £12 per hour, you will meet the minimum earning threshold. Apprentices are also eligible as long as they earn the equivalent to 16 hours at the apprentice minimum wage.

AND

- You earn less than £100,000 per year.

If you are a single parent and meet the above criteria, you will be eligible for the 30 hours. If you live with a partner, you both must meet the above criteria. This still applies if one of you is not the child's parent – for example, if you have remarried or have started living with a new partner. If you are separated/divorced from your child's parent, the eligibility rules will only apply to the parent that the child normally lives with (and their new partner if they are part of the same household).

How to apply:

You will be able to apply for both the 30-hour offer and tax-free childcare using a single application available online via <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

To complete the application, you will need to provide details such as your name, address and national insurance number, as well as whether you expect to meet the income requirements over the next three months and whether you are in receipt of any benefits. If you live with a partner, you will need to provide the same information for them as well.

If you are eligible, you will be given an 11-digit code. This **MUST** be given to the school **as soon as possible** so that you can access these hours

What happens if I am NOT eligible:

ALL children are eligible for 15 hours. We offer these hours during the morning session.

If you are NOT eligible for the 30 hour funding you can either collect your child at 12 o'clock or pay for the afternoon session.

Afternoon session will be charged at £8 a session (£40 a week). Afternoon sessions will need to be paid for in advance via parent pay.

If you have any questions or queries about funding for September 2018, please talk to either Mrs Caisley or Mrs Niemczyk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Caisley

Principal