

1st December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have heard about the Government's plan to extend nursery hours provision for the children of working parents from September 2017 to 30 hours.

To plan for this event we would like to try and gauge what percentage of our families who will be returning in September 2017 will be eligible.

We would very much appreciate it if you would complete and return this short survey to help us in our planning. I would just like to stress however that this does not constitute the offer of a full time place for September 2017, as an application will need to be made to confirm eligibility.

We have been advised that parents will be able to apply for both Tax-Free Childcare and the 30 hour entitlement through a joint application system being developed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). We are currently informed that:-

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.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Cooper

Executive Headteacher

I believe I meet/do not meet (delete as appropriate) the criteria for an extension to 30 hours of nursery provision from September 2017.

Child's name Parent/Carer signature