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Dear Parent

30 Hour Nursery Provision : January 2018

As you will be aware from the Friday News and other communications from the school, we will be offering 30 hours childcare for children of Nursery age as from January 2018.

If you're eligible for the extra free childcare you need to go online and register. Upon registration you will be issued with a code. This code should be provided to the school. Registration can be made via childcarechoices.gov.uk. For more information please refer to the attached Parental Agreement.

In order to secure additional hours, can parents please complete and return the Parental Agreement to the School Office by no later than **8th December 2017**.

Parents are usually eligible for 30 hours FREE childcare if they are :-

- In work – or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave.
- Each earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage (<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>) for 16 hours a week – this is £120 if you are over 25.

The earnings limit does not apply if you are self-employed and started your business less than 12 months ago.

Parents are usually NOT eligible if:-

- Your child does not usually live with you
- Your child is a foster child
- Either you (or your partner) has a taxable income of over £100,000

You can get 30 hours free childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Childcare Vouchers.

As from January 2018, it is anticipated that the '30 hour' school day will be made up, as follows:-



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0900 – 1200	Nursery Morning Session : UNIVERSAL 15 HOURS FUNDING – ALL ELIGIBLE
1200 – 1500	Nursery afternoon session (including lunch-time) : EXTENDED 30 HOUR ENTITLEMENT
1500 – 1530	ADDITIONAL SESSION : NO FREE ELIGIBILITY

As you will see from the schedule, if parents do not wish to collect children from school at 3.00pm, instead collecting at the end of the 'normal' school day, 3.30pm, then there will be a small charge of £2.00 per day, per child. This payment should be made via Parentpay. If you need details about how to access your child's account on Parentpay, then please contact the School Office. Please note, school meals will also continue to be available on a daily basis. As from January 2018 these will be charged at £1.80 per child, per day. *** from January 2018 school lunch for Nursery children will be served at 12.00 midday. Parents can continue to provide a packed lunch if they wish. However, please note, that if your child will not be staying for the afternoon session, Nursery terminates at 12.00 midday. This will mean that children will be collected from school at this time and will not be able to order a school lunch.**

By way of information, if as a parent you are not eligible for the extended FREE 30 hour entitlement, then you can still use the extended childcare provision at the school. In these circumstances each 3 hour session, 12.00 midday to 3.00pm, will be charged at £12.00 per child, per day. Payment for any session should, once again, be made via Parentpay.

Naturally, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are very much looking forward to working with and supporting parents as we move forward with this new venture.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

