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Parent Questionnaire
The Extended offer of 30 hours

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may or not be aware that nationally, from September 2017, some 3 and 4 year olds may be eligible to receive an extra 15 hours free childcare. We are advised that North Yorkshire Local Authority will join several other local authorities to become 'Early Implementers' of this initiative and will begin offering the 30 hours of free childcare places per week to all eligible three- and four-year-olds **from April 2017**; doubling the existing 15 hours entitlement currently available for parents.

The existing offer of 15 hours of free childcare for all 3 and 4 year old children will continue under the universal offer but if you meet the following criteria you should be eligible for the further 15 hours, please see criteria below:

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. Full details will be set out in regulations, but the government intends that the additional 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.

Obviously as a childcare provider we have already started planning for this.



As you can imagine, this is going to have a huge impact on our provision especially around availability of spaces. We hope we will be able to accommodate all of your requirements. This may mean we have to make some adjustments to our sessions and the way we provide them.

This is where we need your help to ensure we get it right here at Seton School. To assist us with our planning, could you please answer the following questions and hand the information back into school by Friday 10th February?

- 1) Do you think you will be eligible for the extended offer of 30 hrs? YES/NO
- 2) Would you like the 30 hrs over 38 weeks or would you like it stretched over the full year? this would give you about 23 hrs over 49 weeks) TERM TIME ONLY/FULL YEAR
- 3) Do you think you will use the full 30hrs or less? YES/NO
- 4) If you are **not** eligible at the moment do you think between now and April you may look for work due to the extended offer? YES/NO
- 5) How many hours a week do you currently work?
- 6) Is childcare at the moment shared between nursery and another provider/ family? YES/NO
- 7) Would you be interested in a meeting to explain this in more detail? YES/NO

Parent Name:.....

Childs Name..... Date of birth.....