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### Important information regarding nursery hours and extended early years entitlement for eligible 3 and 4 year olds

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to give you an update with our arrangements for Extended Early Years provision at Seton School and the impact it will have on our nursery. We can now confirm that we will be offering afternoon sessions for our nursery children **during the Summer Term**. Some families will be entitled to free sessions under the new scheme, whilst others may choose to 'buy-in' extra sessions. The key changes to our provision are as follows:

#### 1. Funded Sessions:

Thank you to those families who have already returned their eligibility confirmation letter. Once we have all of the letters back, we will be able to allocate places for these children. **The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**. If you believe you may be eligible for a funded place and have not yet completed your application, please access the following website:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/33505/30-hours-extended-early-years-entitlement-for-eligible-three-and-four-year-olds>

Please ask at reception if you need any further information on the application process, or indeed if you would like to complete the form in school.

Once your application is confirmed, you will be sent an email which you will need to bring to school so that we can claim the funding for your child.

We have included a reminder of the eligibility criteria on the final page of this letter.

#### 2. Non-funded sessions:

During the summer term, we are likely to have spaces during the afternoon for children whose parents do not qualify for the extended provision, but who would like to 'buy-in' extra sessions. The afternoon sessions run from 12.15pm to 3.15pm and are charged at £13.50 per session.

#### 3. Option to buy in lunchtime session from 11.45am to 12.15pm:

Children may stay for their dinner. The charges are as follows:

- £2.25 for children who bring their own packed lunch
- £3.85 for children who have a school dinner.



**4. Change to the start and finish time of the morning session:**

In order to `fit in' the two sessions, we will need to start our morning nursery session at the earlier time of 8.45am and we do hope this will be convenient for all of our families. The first session will therefore finish at the earlier time of 11.45am with effect from the summer term.

Lunch time for nursery children will be from 11.45am to 12.15pm.

The second nursery session will start at 12.15pm and will end at 3.15pm.

Please see Mrs Nicholson or Mrs Windsor to confirm your arrangements for the autumn term or feel free to pop in and see me to discuss any concerns or thoughts regarding the changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Isaac  
Headteacher

## **Further Information from North Yorkshire Families Information Service**

As a reminder, this funded provision is designed to support working parents with the affordability of childcare and to enable parents who want to work, or to work more hours to do so.

The national eligibility criteria which families will need to meet are:

- Both parents must be working (or the sole parent if in a lone parent family)
- Each parent must have a weekly minimum income equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage. The figures for 1st April 2018 are: Over 25 - £7.50p /hour, £120.00 / week; and 21-24 year olds £7.05 / hour, £112.80 / week.
- Each parent must have an income less than £100,000 per year
- This includes employed persons, self-employed persons and parents on zero hours contracts who meet the above criteria.

You would also fit the criteria if:

- Both parents are employed but one (or both) is temporarily away from the workplace on maternity, paternity, parental or parental leave
- Both parents are employed but one (or both) is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave
- Both parents are employed but one (or both) 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
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

A 'Parent' is defined as a person who has parental responsibility or care for the child. In cases where a parent has remarried or is living with a partner, the step-parent or partner must also meet the earnings threshold. Foster carers will only be eligible for their own children (if they meet the above criteria) and not for the children. Self-employed persons will need to make a declaration regarding the amount which is expected to be earned over the coming 3 months.

An online application process and eligibility checks will be undertaken to ensure that parents meet these criteria.

If you are eligible it may be possible for you to take-up your entitlement in term-time, or across the full year. You will be able to use your entitlement with more than one provider, for example with a nursery class and an out of school club or childminder, to meet the particular pattern of childcare you require. This could also be possible if one provider was not able to offer the stretched entitlement across the year, for example a term-time only pre-school.

Please talk to your child's early years setting or school to ask if they are going to be offering the extended entitlement during the summer term, or in the autumn term, as not all providers may be able to do so; or some may only be able to offer you part of the entitlement.

If you work non-standard hours, and need to access your entitlement for an early start, or late finish, or to work at the weekend, please contact the Families Information Service and we will try to put you in touch with early years providers in your area who may be able to offer this service.

In North Yorkshire we are particularly interested in the childcare needs of families who have children with special educational needs and disabilities who will be entitled to the extended entitlement. Please contact the Families Information Service who are available to help you to find the childcare you require.

Further information is available from the Families Information Service.

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