



January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **30 Hours Nursery Provision**

We are working with St Anne's Park Children's Centre to deliver 30 hours of free child care for those who are eligible for this scheme.

In practice it would mean that children spend their 15 hours of nursery education in our nursery class, as they do now. The remaining 15 hours would then be spent in the Children's Centre (Earlybirds) in the afternoons. Earlybirds provision is based in St Anne's Children's Centre which is led and managed by Speedwell Nursery School.

We would work in partnership with the Children's Centre and with you to ensure the two settings provided continuous education and care.

Below are some frequently asked questions about the scheme.

#### **What is 30 hours free education?**

- The government is offering 30 hours per week of free childcare to working parents of 3 and 4 year olds to reduce the cost of childcare and support families to work and progress their careers after having children.

#### **Who is eligible?**

- All parents (whether two-parent family or lone parent) who are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (includes income received from tax credits or Universal Credit).
- One/ both parent/s is away on leave (parental, maternal etc.)
- One/ both parent/s is on Statutory sick pay.
- Parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self-employed.
- One parent is employed and the other parent has either a substantial caring responsibility and/ or disability; or is a foster carer with their own three-and four-year-old children.

Parents who are in training will not be eligible as they can receive other Government support.

#### **How to apply?**

- Applications are made online through the government website (see link below). If eligible you will get a unique 11 digit code.
- The 11 digit code is given to the Provider (in this case it will be the Children's Centre).
- Your child can start using their extra 15 hours from the start of the following term.
- The code will need to be renewed every three months.

**For further information go to:**

**[www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)**

**At the moment, this is a consultation period with the Children's Centre so it would be really helpful if you could let us know if you are eligible and would be interested in taking up the 30 hours of free entitlement.**

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**I am entitled to 30 hours of free child care and would be interested in applying for funding**

Child's name: .....

Signed: (Parent/Carer) .....

Please print name: .....

Date: .....