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### **30 HOUR NURSERY PROVISION**

Dear Parents,

We have plans in place to offer 30 hour Nursery places from September 2024. Currently all children of Nursery age (3-4 year olds) are entitled to 15 hours per week. Some working families may be eligible for 30 hours funding. You can check your eligibility by going to Child Care Choices (click on view schemes).

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Families who are not eligible for the 30 hours can still access these extra hours for a cost of £10 per afternoon session, including lunch time provision. The afternoon session will finish at 3:30pm like the rest of the school.

We would encourage children to attend every afternoon. However, parents do have a choice of the number of afternoons they wish their child to attend. Due to staffing costs and pupil ratios, we require a commitment of a full term (12 weeks) and specific days without amendments otherwise you will still be charged for your child's place. All payable afternoon sessions, must be paid at least one week in advance.

#### **Lunch time Provision**

Those pupils staying for the afternoon session will eat their lunch together in the Nursery classroom. They can either bring a packed lunch or pay for a school dinner. Please note that Universal Free school dinners are not available for Nursery children. However, those who receive Early Years Pupil Premium may be entitled to free school meals.

#### **The Early Years Pupil Premium**

All children who are currently claiming free early education funding in any Ofsted registered childcare provider/school nursery could be eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding which is used to improve a child's learning and development. This means an extra £387.60 a year per child which will be used in school to benefit your child. This additional money could make a significant difference to school. Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of benefits. When you sign your child up for Nursery, you will receive A Parental Agreement & Funding Claims Form from the school office (this includes the EYPP section to complete).

#### **Parent Questionnaire**

If you have a child that is currently, or is likely, to attend a nursery in September 2024, please complete the attached questionnaire. If not, you may know somebody outside of school who might be interested in 30 hour provision at St. James' Nursery. Please do let them know about our plans.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely  
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Deputy Headteacher