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Nursery Places- Important Information

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know, we have spent a considerable amount of our COVID catch up money on providing flexible 30 hours nursery provision free of charge over the past 2 years up until Spring Term, thus enabling parents to continue to pick and choose their nursery days.

This is very different to what was in place pre COVID and even as far back as when I was the lead teacher in Early Years. Now the things are back to normal, we intend to run our provision as before, as it worked well.

As a school we believe that 5 mornings in nursery is the best socially and academically for children, enabling them to have a range of experiences whilst settling into school quickly.

However, we realise that many parents have work commitments and need to send their children to another provider to support this.

For any new children starting nursery after 31st March who do not attend our school nursery for 5 mornings they will be offered a 3 morning part time place from now on. (For the children who have already started our nursery prior to 31st March there will be a grace period until September).

In the past this was Monday, Wednesday and Fridays but after taking on board feedback it may be more suitable to offer the part time place as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday so that they settle into the pattern of childcare more easily.

So that I am being as fair as possible, I would like to ask all parents of children who will be in our school nursery in September, or in the near future, to contact me directly at belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk with your preferred option –

A – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

B – Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Any other comments

If you are entitled to 30 hours nursery provision and want to build this up gradually but book a place in our nursery by providing us with the full 30 hours funding, please contact me directly.

Kind regards,
Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

