



Childcare Reforms Parental Survey

January 2024

New Childcare Reforms

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

You may already be aware, starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded for working families. This will be done in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support from the term after their child turns 9 months old.

The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

From **April 2024**, working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support. Parents can apply for their funded childcare codes through the [Childcare Choices website](#) from 2nd January 2024.

From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.

From **September 2025**, working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.

Like the existing offer, depending on your chosen provider, these hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year (during school term time), or up to 52 weeks if you use fewer than your total hours per week. For more information, please click on the following link [Childcare Choices](#)

If this is relevant to you, please complete the survey overleaf and return to school by Friday 26th January 2024.

If you know of families with babies or young children, it would be really helpful if you could pass this letter on to them so that they can have an impact on what we will offer in the future.

Kind regards,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.



Parent / Caregiver Intentions (Please circle as appropriate)

I would like to take up the additional 15hrs	Yes, definitely	No	Maybe
Of the Additional 15hrs, how many hours do you intend to use	1-5hrs	6-10hrs	11-14hrs
	Full 15hrs (converting)		
Please specify the days and times when you intend to use these additional hours	Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday:		
Are you currently stretching your entitlement?	Yes	No	
Do you split your childcare between us and another provider? If so, how many hours	Yes(hrs)		
	No		
If yes to the above, do you intend to continue with a split arrangement?	Yes		
	No		
If we offered 15 hours funded entitlement across 5 afternoons per week, would you take this up?	Yes		
	No		
Would you use our Community Powers Nursery which is a paid provision to top up your hours?	Yes		
	No		
If no, please provide the reasons.			
If yes, how many afternoon sessions would you take up each week?			

Would you take up provision with us if we offered provision from the start of the term of your child's 3 rd birthday?	Yes No
Do you intend to move your hours under one provider?	Yes – All with you Yes – All with my other provider No – I intend to keep the hours split

Current Informal Childcare Arrangements

Are you currently using informal childcare	Yes No
If yes, who is currently caring for your child	Other parent/partner Ex partner not in household Grandparent Friends Neighbour Family sibling Another family relative
Would the additional hours provided by us change this current arrangement?	

Child and Economic Benefits (Please tick all that apply)

Extra hours will reduce my current childcare costs	
Extra hours will enable me to pay for additional childcare and reduce the hours of informal childcare	
Extra hours will enable me to go back to work	
Extra hours will enable me to increase my current hours and opportunities at work.	
Extra hours will support my child's social skills.	

Extra hours will help to prepare my child get ready for school.	
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Main Expected Impact

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Any other Information

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