



2019/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

## **30 hours free childcare for eligible 3 and 4 year olds**

Thank you for registering your child for our waiting list for a Nursery place starting in September.

As you may be aware the government has introduced changes to the way that nursery education is funded across the country. This change means that in Islington there may be fewer full-time nursery class places available.

From September 2017 all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free childcare. Some 3 and 4 year olds will be entitled to 30 hours per week. The extended entitlement of 30 hours is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare and enable them, where they wish, to return to work or to work additional hours.

The government has provided an online eligibility checking tool for parents/carers to find out whether your child is entitled to 30 hours free childcare. You can now apply 14 weeks before your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

To sign up go to: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

You must check your eligibility before your child can be offered a place. If eligible, you will receive a code which you will need to provide us with, along with your National Insurance Number and proof of your child's date of birth. In addition to this you will need to complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

We will need to validate the code before we can offer a funded place.

Eligibility codes will be valid for a certain period of time. You will be reminded by the HMRC to re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months.

**Please ensure the enclosed form is completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.**

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Day  
**Headteacher**