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Dear Parent,

As you may be aware the government funds an additional 15 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4-year-old children of working families.

As your child has a nursery class place at our school you can use your 30-hour childcare voucher with us. Schools cannot access this funding themselves which is crucial in providing adequate funding for our fulltime Nursery provision. This gives us money for our school budget which we can spend directly on the children through improving our Nursery environment and outdoor provision, buying more resources and organising even more wonderful experiences for the children.

**Could we request that you apply for the extended entitlement hours through the Childcare Choices website** [**https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/**](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/) **as soon as possible.**

To obtain your eligibility voucher, you will need:

* Your National Insurance Number, and your partner’s National Insurance Number (if applicable)
* Child’s name and date of birth

If you are eligible, you will receive an 11-digit code. It is this code that you need to give to us before your child starts Nursery with permission to reconfirm your eligibility by checking your child’ name and your National Insurance number.

Please check the Childcare Choices website and if you are eligible and receive a code pass onto the school office. You can ring us and give your details over the phone, email us or pop in during the school day.

If you have any questions, please ask to speak to Mrs Palmer in the office who will be happy to help you.

Many thanks,

Mrs A. Bell

Headteacher