

Thirsk Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the government's announcement regarding 30 hour funding, we have been carefully considering what the school will be able to provide to support families that meet and are entitled to the funding. Thank you to all of you that have completed and returned forms.

I hope that in this letter I will be able to explain what the school is able to offer for the upcoming 2017/18 school year.

For those of you who **do not** receive the additional 30 hour funding, the universal 15 hours Nursery hours will continue. Your child will continue to attend Nursery in the same way that they have during this school year. Morning sessions will continue to be from 8.40-11.40am and afternoon sessions will continue to be from 12.30-3.30pm. There may, as in previous years, be the opportunity to stay for lunch club or book additional sessions. Lunch club will now be charged at £3.40 and an additional session will now be charged at £12.00. These are slight price increases, however rising costs now make this necessary.

For those of you who **do** receive the additional 30 hour funding we have several different options:

If you would like to take the <u>30 hours over 5 days:</u> Option A:

Early finish day. Session starts at 8.40am and finishes at 2.40pm. Your child will need to be collected from school at 2.40pm each day. You would not pay for lunch club, however if you did want a school meal then there would be a charge of £1.60 per day. If you child has a packed lunch then there will not be a top-up charge for doing this.

Option B:

Full day. Session starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.30pm. This option would require a top-up payment as it exceeds the 30 hours funded entitlement. For a full week this would be £16.00. Where this is only for individual days this would be £3.40.You would not pay for lunch club, however if you did want a school meal then there would be a charge of £1.60 per day.

If you would like to take up some additional hours but not necessary 30 hours/ or you would like to split hours with another provider.

This will be based on availability of places. Where we have places priority will be given to those needing the greatest number of hours. Where hours are split the school would require that we have the universal element of the funding as opposed to the top-up element of the funding.

We have set our limit of 30 hour places to 14. This means that we will only have a maximum of 14 children who are taking 30 hours. This is so that we can still have plenty of space for children and families that are needing the universal 15hours.

If you are planning to take up the 30 hours please speak with Mrs Bowen at the earliest opportunity so that we can make sure that we can accommodate your requests.

If you are unsure about how this may effect you please speak with Mrs Bowen or Mrs Mansfield in the school office.

Your sincerely

Mr R. Chandler Headteacher