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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the consultation with you at Parents Evening about the prospective changes to nursery hours, the school governing body has confirmed the new proposed hours for Nursery. These are as detailed below.

Nursery Hours

Morning Session for 15 hours funded places

Monday to Friday
9.00 am – 12.00 pm (gate will be opened at 8.50 am)
These places are reserved for children who become Reception within the same academic year as starting Nursery, and who start with us in September.
We strongly recommend that from the start children do all five sessions a week.
However, we understand that for some children these sessions might have to be built up.
It is a requirement that children starting Nursery in September attend all five morning sessions by October half term. It is a requirement that children starting Nursery in January attend all five morning sessions by February half term.
We are unable to offer a place for less than five sessions a week, or for a mixture of mornings and afternoons.

Afternoon Session for 15 hours funded places

Monday to Friday
12.00 pm – 3.00pm (gate will be closed at 3.10 pm)
These places are reserved for children who do four terms in Nursery, i.e. they **do not** start Reception within the same academic year as starting Nursery.
We strongly recommend that from the start children do all five sessions a week.
However, we understand that for some children these sessions might have to be built up.
It is a requirement that children starting Nursery in September attend all five afternoon sessions by October half term. It is a requirement that children starting Nursery in January attend all five afternoon sessions by February half term.
We are unable to offer a place for less than five sessions a week, or for a mixture of mornings and afternoons.

All day session for 30 hours funded places

Monday to Friday
9.00 am – 3.00pm
These places are reserved for children who become Reception within the same academic year of starting Nursery, and who start with us in September.

Lunch time

11. 30 am – 12. 00 pm
We require children who attend the morning session to have lunch with us. This is part of our teaching and learning time. Qualified Early Years staff work with the children focusing on healthy eating, health and well-being, self-care and independence, as well as personal and social skills. You can choose to send a packed lunch, or book and pay for a school dinner. Morning sessions and 30 hours places are reserved for those who will become Reception in the same academic year as starting Nursery. This approach, and our lunch time practice, ensures that our children are fully prepared to be independent at lunch by the time they enter Reception.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chandler
Headteacher