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## A New Nursery for Raglan



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As you will be aware our new nursery is under construction and so far is on schedule. We are now beginning to firm up our arrangements for launching the 30 hour provision and I will set out our plans in this letter. What we have planned is specific for this year as we have already started with morning and afternoon provision. We will be sticking to that provision and extending it for those who wish to take up additional hours. The model will be reviewed for September 2018.

Below you will see the options that you have going forward and we will need you to make a decision and where applicable apply for the additional hours via the government website. Further details below.

### Key Points

- The Nursery hours will be open 08:30 to 15:30 as it is now.
- There are several options and parents will need to select one going forward. Options are based on the same provision each day.
- 30hrs will give you nursery provision from 08:30 to 14:30 including a lunch break with an option to extend to 15:30 (35hrs).
- For those who do not qualify for the 30hrs you can remain on the same provision as now or take the option of extending to 20, 30 or 35 hours.
- Any additional hours beyond your free entitlement will be charged at £5 per hour.
- Make your choice by Wednesday 20th December 2017.

## Options for 2018

	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30
Option 1	Morning Only (15hrs)						
Option 2	Morning Extended (20hrs)						
Option 3					Afternoon Only (15hrs)		
Option 4				Afternoon Extended (20hrs)			
Option 5	Full Day (30hrs)						
Option 6	Full Day Extended (35hrs)						

## Funding and Additional Hours

Every 3/4 year old has access to 15hrs of free provision. Depending on your circumstances you may qualify for another 15hrs. To see if you qualify visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> and look for the 30hrs Free Childcare section. To access the additional 15hrs you need to apply online via the government website by 31st December. This is not the easiest of procedures, so please do ask if you need some support. If you applied before 31st October 2017, you will need to renew your application each term. They should let you know about this.

## Our Provision

Our nursery provision is different from private nurseries, playgroups and childminders. It is led by qualified teachers and we will plan accordingly for the pupils who attend. We are not able to provide a bespoke service, so the options above are the only ones available on a daily basis.

You will have heard in the news that the funding for nursery provision is insufficient and that is no different for school nurseries. It is essential that we have sufficient staff in the nursery to meet the ratios expected and sufficient funding to cover the costs of the provision.

The full day and extended options include lunchtime and you will need to provide a packed lunch for this. Other than the free fruit and milk schemes, we are unable at this point to provide food for nursery pupils. The Universal Free School Meals scheme only applies to Reception and Years 1 & 2.

Once you know whether you are eligible or not take a look at the options below.

		I am eligible for 30hrs	I am <b><u>NOT</u></b> eligible for 30hrs
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Morning Only</b> (15hrs) 08:30-11:30	This is Free. You can use your remaining 15hrs with other childcare providers	This is Free
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Morning Extended</b> (20hrs) 08:30-12:30	This is Free. You will use an additional 5hrs a week. This leaves you 10hrs to use with other childcare providers	The first 15hrs is free and you can pay for an additional 5hrs at £5 per hour.
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Afternoon Only</b> (15hrs) 12:30-15:30	This is Free. You can use your remaining 15hrs with other childcare providers	This is Free
<b>Option 4</b>	<b>Afternoon Extended</b> (20hrs) 11:30-15:30	This is Free. You will use an additional 5hrs a week. This leaves you 10hrs to use with other childcare providers	The first 15hrs is free and you can pay for an additional 5hrs at £5 per hour.
<b>Option 5</b>	<b>Full Day</b> (30hrs) 08:30-14:30	This is Free	The first 15hrs is free and you can pay for an additional 15hrs at £5 per hour.
<b>Option 6</b>	<b>Full Day Extended</b> (35hrs) 08:30-15:30	The first 15hrs is free and you can pay for an additional 5hrs at £5 per hour.	The first 15hrs is free and you can pay for an additional 20hrs at £5 per hour.

### Drop-In Sessions

Please come and discuss the options with staff at one of our drop in sessions on

5th December 3pm-3.45pm

6th December between 5pm-6.30pm

11th December 8.30am-9am

## New Nursery

Our new nursery is on schedule to be completed late January, early February and we have ESTIMATED that we will be able to start the new provision from 19th February 2017. We will obviously keep you updated on the progress. However, please bare in mind this is only an estimated date.

## Additional Hours

These are of course optional. We have set the charge at £5 per hour which is broadly in line with the funding we receive from the government. This charge will be payable to the school via ParentPay, an online payment portal that we use across the rest of the school.

If you are working, you may be able to access the tax-free childcare scheme, which will save you 20% on the costs of the additional hours. To do this you apply online via <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> The scheme works by putting money into an account which is topped up by 20% and the school draws down the money to pay the additional charges.

## Next Steps

1. You need to register for the additional hours via <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> no later than 31st December. If you miss this deadline you will not be able to access this until April 2018.
2. If you need to discuss which option to take then please come and speak with us at one of the drop in sessions.
3. Once you have made your choice, let us know via the form by Wednesday 20th December 2017.

