



17th September 2021

Dear Parents, Prospective Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term Nursery Update 1 Keeping you in the picture

The start of the school year is always an exciting time in the nursery and a time we really look forward to. This year is being made even more special as for the first time we are extending our offer to families and children, and are pleased to see demand for the increased hours that are being made available.

As we seek to adapt, support and manage our new offer as well as maintain the quality of provision that children receive we will be dropping you a line from time to time to share key messages. These will often be due to learning that we are doing and the need to share this with you by providing information, reminders or simply sharing what's on our mind. We'd invite you to take a look at the updates below – and please share them with others who you know are considering using our nursery in the future.

School Lunches for Nursery children

For the first time in our history we are seeing some children from our nursery joining us for lunch. To ensure that this is as comfortable and appropriate as possible we will be restricting these to **packed lunches only**. These can be provided by our kitchen if you wish to pay for these or if your child qualifies for a free school meal. Otherwise we would ask you to provide this when you leave your child with us. While the world of hot school meals will open to the children as they enter Reception and beyond we have recognised that the skills required and processes involved in accessing hot meals for children so young is an uncomfortably large challenge for them.

Thanks for supporting your child's transition during September

So many of you have worked closely with us to make sure that your child is kept comfortable as they make the transition from being with you at home to joining us in the nursery. Taking steps towards children's full time with us, whether 15 or 30 hours, or somewhere in between, helps them to adjust, feel comfortable and is a great foundation for their times with us over the coming months and years. **We are always pleased to make bespoke arrangements** based upon what you think your child needs – please keep talking to us about this. And thanks again!

Waiting List for Nursery places

We are keen that our extended offer to families meets the needs of our community. To help us plan for this it is important for us to know what demand there is going to be for places in the future. This enables us to avoid restrictions on numbers/hours that might block children joining us.

If you, or someone you know is planning to use our nursery for a child in the future please get in touch with us and **let us know as soon as possible**. We can place names on our waiting list and ensure that we have the necessary resources in place to meet everyone's needs.

Booked hours

Each day we create a plan for staff, resources and use of the Foundation Stage setting based upon the hours that children are booked in to be with us. This enables us to make the very best use of what is available to ensure that every child receives the quality that we believe they deserve.

To enable us to follow these plans through it is important to us that your child is with us for the hours that have been booked for them. Early arrivals or late departures impact directly on provision as they impact upon plans that we have made.

Taking care with and being prompt with your drop-off and pick-up timings helps us to bring your child what they need – what's more it helps others get what they need too! Feel free to ask us if you are unsure about the timings of your sessions. You may be charged where booked hours are extended by early drop-off or late pick-ups – please help us to help you by avoiding these situations. Remember, 30 hours a week means 9.00am-3.00pm each day, 15 hours a week means 8.30-11.30am or 12.20-3.20pm.

Does your child receive 30 free nursery hours? Would you like to see if they do?

If your child already receives 30 hours of free nursery provision it is important that you **renew this each term** – if you do not complete this process they will no longer be eligible.

Are you, or someone you know, **interested in your child accessing 30 hours free nursery provision?**

You need to apply for, or renew your existing, 30 hours free childcare online by visiting the website below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old or when your working circumstances change. Once you apply, if you are eligible, you will be given a code which entitles you to start using the 30 hours of funded childcare.

For details of when to apply please see the table below:

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November <i>prior to 3rd birthday</i>
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February <i>prior to 3rd birthday</i>
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July <i>prior to 3rd birthday</i>

When accessing the website you'll need your details (and your partner's, if you have one), including your:

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery Queensway Newton Abbot TQ12 4BD
Tel 01626 203040 admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk

- National Insurance number
- Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you're self-employed

You must include your partner in your application if you are:

- married or in a civil partnership and live together
- not married or in a civil partnership, but living together as though you are

Take care not to miss these deadlines – they are important to you, your children, and to us.

Thank-you!

Finally a big thank-you for making the start to our year in the nursery such a happy and enjoyable one. We are looking forward to the months ahead as we support your child's development. Feel free to talk with Miss Butler, Mrs Penn or any member of the Foundation Stage or wider school team should you have any questions about the nursery provision for your child.

Yours sincerely,

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