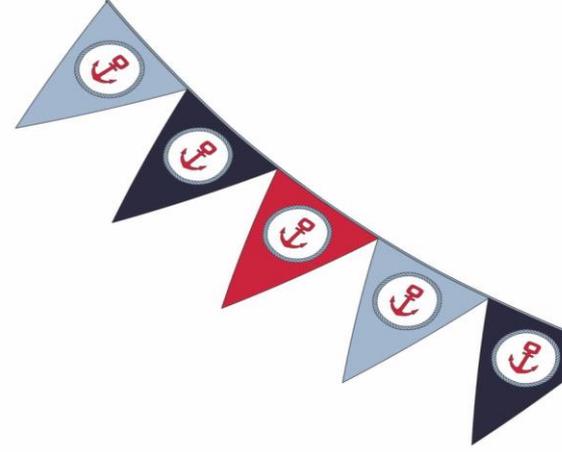




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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## CHANGES TO NURSERY PROVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that the Government has brought in changes to funding for some children which is available from April 2024.

The main changes for Meridian Nursery are:

- From April 2024 the 15-hour entitlement for children of eligible working parents from the age of 2
- From September 2025 the 30-hour entitlement for children of eligible working parents from the age of 9 months – for our Nursery this means from the age of 2

You will be aware that at Meridian Nursery, we have chosen to and are lucky to have a qualified and highly skilled Early Years teacher to plan and support the education of all the Nursery children.

In order to ensure that we continue to be able to offer this high level of education and care, and in light of these funding changes, we are changing our provision from September 2024.

**September 2024: 30 hours for 3 and 4 year olds**

**September 2025: 30 hours for 2, 3 and 4 year olds**

Our offer remains: 9.10am – 3.10pm Monday to Friday.

Initially we will prioritise families who take up the full 30 hour offer and then look at availability for those families who are eligible for 30 hours but do not wish to take all these hours.

**September 2024: Eligible for 15 hours for 2, 3 and 4 year olds**

Our offer has changed to two options of 15 hours:

Option 1: Monday 9.10am – 3.10pm, Tuesday 9.10am – 3.10pm, Wednesday 9.10am – 12.10pm

Option 2: Wednesday 12.10pm – 3.10pm, Thursday 9.10am – 3.10pm, Friday 9.10am – 3.10pm

Initially we will prioritise families who take up the full 15 hour offer.

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We will then look at availability for those families who are eligible for 15 hours and would like to pay for additional sessions and then those families who are eligible for 15 hours but do not wish to take all these hours.

Lunchtimes are at 12.10pm for all children, except on Wednesdays when lunchtime is only available for 30 hour children.

Early Bird will remain the same time 8.40am – 9.10am at the same charge of £4.00.

These changes will support the Nursery team to plan for the education all children in a more consistent way across the week and make the most of the opportunities we have available at Meridian Nursery.

Please note, as from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, if you are not dropping your children off for Early Bird session, you will need to leave the school site and wait until one of the Nursery team opens the gate at 9.05am. This is so that, in the case of an emergency, all adults and children are accounted for through registration and signing-in systems in school.

Sandra Wiles, our Nursery Administrator, will support Nursery parents and carers with booking these sessions for September 2024 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please note we will prioritise those children who currently attend our Nursery and then allocate new children once these places have been offered and accepted.

If you want to see if you are eligible for 30 hours or 15 hours funding please visit [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Thank you for your continued support for our wonderful Nursery.

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