



Hanley St Luke's CE (A) Primary School

8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

We are writing to all parents who may be interested in applying for a place in our nursery from September 2018.

In line with all schools, we have had to review our nursery offer since the government introduced free 30 hour education/childcare provision for eligible parents for this academic year 2017/18.

You can follow this link to find all the information:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

Schools are only funded for 15 hours of nursery provision, and school nurseries which previously made no charge for the afternoon sessions, are now having to do so in order to continue to offer fulltime provision. Here at Hanley St Luke's, we managed to keep the '30 hours free for all policy' for this academic year (many schools already now charge), but regrettably, our school budget just cannot stretch to this any longer.

We know that many of our parents will only be eligible for the 15 hours funding and not the full 30 hours, therefore we have worked hard to create a fulltime nursery offer which is affordable and excellent value for money for all. We know that full time nursery gives your child a flying start with their learning and social skills, making the next step to a school Reception class a smooth transition. We would therefore highly recommend full time nursery provision to all our parents and set out for you here the details of our nursery offer from September 2018:

1. We will continue to offer fulltime 30 hour nursery provision 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2. All parents offered a place for their child are eligible for 5 free morning sessions from 9:00 -12:00 (15 hours). This includes a meal time session for which we charge £2 for the school meal per day (£10 per week unless eligible for free school meals).
3. For those parents eligible for fulltime 30 hours free provision, the only charge is the daily cost of the school meal at £2 per day (£10 per week).
4. For those parents not eligible for 30 hours funded provision, the additional afternoon sessions are available at £3 per session (£15 per week) .

In summary, at Hanley St Luke's Nursery the maximum any parent would pay for the full 30 hours nursery provision, including school lunch would be £25 per week. We think that is excellent value for money and highly competitive. Of course, if you are eligible for 30 hours funding then you would only need to provide the cost of your child's meals.

To apply for your place please do so on line at <http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions>. If you wish to speak to us about our offer, or would like to arrange a visit to our nursery, please contact the office and we would be delighted to accommodate you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Williamson
Headteacher