

## **INFORMATION FOR NURSERY PARENTS**

### **RE: Recently introduced Government incentive offering 30 hour Nursery entitlement for working parents of nursery-aged children.**

#### **Who is it for?**

Where both parents are working (or the sole parent in a lone parent family) and each partner or carer earns on average:

- A weekly minimum that is equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (for people under 25) or national living wage (for people aged 25 or over) and
- Less than £100,000 per year

Where one partner is working and the other is receiving certain benefits for caring responsibilities.

#### **Eligibility for 30 Hours**

- Parents can check eligibility on Childcare Choices website:  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> **OR** Tel: 03001234097
- Parents will be issued with an 11- digit eligibility code for their child. This code is necessary to prove 30 hours entitlement.
- Entitlement will be reviewed every 3 months.

#### **How are we doing it here?**

Burnopfield Nursery will offer 15 hours of the 30 hours entitlement working in conjunction with a network of local child minders to create a 3-way working model between parents, child minders and school.

- Parents can choose to take the remaining 15 hours from child minders, private nurseries or, when child turns 4, from Playcare.
- Parents are entitled to 1140 hours per year so can “bank, “ hours to use during holiday periods (non term-time).
- Further information about which local providers are offering the additional 15 hours extended provision is available on the Durham Family Information Service website:  
<https://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/>

If you have any queries regarding the above or require any further information, please contact Mrs Ferris (Nursery Teacher) on 01207 270397.

Thank you.