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Whipton Barton Federation

Oasis Day Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers

You may have heard that Whipton Barton Federation has been awarded a government grant to extend our existing Nursery provision. Building work is due to commence soon and we should have a brand new purpose built Nursery building ready for September 2017. We will also be investing in our existing Nursery building ensuring that it is modernised and brought up to date in order to offer the very best provision for our youngest children.

From April 2017 we will be admitting 2 year olds into our Nursery and from September 2017 we will be extending our opening hours from 7.45am – 6.00pm for all Nursery children under our new name 'Oasis Day Nursery.'

If your child already attends our Nursery then please don't worry as they will continue to be enrolled here and we will be contacting you soon regarding the hours that you require for September 2017.

However, we now have additional spaces available and we are looking to fill them! If you have a child who is 2, 3 or 4 year olds or you know somebody that has then please call us to discuss the options that we have in place for new starters. A 'Nursery Enquiry Form' is also attached to this letter and this can be completed by anyone who would be interested in a place for their child at Oasis Day Nursery in the future (completing the form doesn't guarantee you a place nor does it mean that you have to take a place, it simply gives us an idea of who may be interested).

There are a wide range of options available to support parents with the cost of childcare. Please see overleaf for more information or pop in and speak to a member of staff in the school office.

If you require any further information please contact 01392 467556.

Yours sincerely

Gemma Wills

Head of School

Your **2 year old** can get funding if you get one of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Or if your **2-year-old**:

- attracts Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- is looked after by the Local Authority
- has left care through special guardianship or through an adoption order or residence order or
- has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan.

You can check your eligibility and apply at www.devon.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding or call 0345 155 1013.

From the term after their **third birthday**, until they start school, your child is entitled to up to 570 hours of free early learning and childcare each year, known as the **Early Years Entitlement**. This is often taken as 15 hours per week during school hours for 38 weeks a year during school term time. However, from September 2017 Oasis Day Nursery will be offering the hours over a longer day (known as a 'stretched offer.')

From September 2017, eligible **3 and 4-year olds** will be entitled to 1140 hours per year (equivalent to 30 hours a week during school hours for 38 hours a year during school term time). However, from September 2017 Oasis Day Nursery will be offering the hours over a longer day (known as a 'stretched offer.')

To be eligible, you (and your partner if you have one), must either:

- each expect to earn at least £115 a week or work more than 16 hours at the National Living Wage (unless you became self-employed less than 12 months ago), or each expect to earn at least £111 a week or work more than 16 hours at the National Minimum Wage (unless you became self-employed less than 12 months ago)
- each expect to earn at least £61.92 a week if you're under 18, £84.80 a week if you're aged 18-20 or £52.80 a week if you're an apprentice (either under 19 or in the first year of your apprenticeship)

You, and your partner, must also both:

- live in England
- expect to have income of less than £100,000 each a year

You will need to apply for this funding. For more information visit

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest/welcome>

Oasis Day Nursery also accepts Childcare Vouchers from approved providers. During 2017 the Government are also rolling out a tax free child care system to help with the cost of childcare, enabling more parents to go out to work. For more information about this visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>

