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Dear Parent/Carer

The 30 hours free childcare initiative is underway for September 2017. The government have just released guidance for local authorities and providers on how the entitlement can be applied for. A summary of the process is attached to this letter.

The 30 hours are made up of the universal 15 hours that is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and 15 hours extended entitlement for eligible parents/carers. It is important that if you are wanting to claim 30 hours from September that you apply during this term. As explained in the guidance, a child can only access the extended funding from the term after they are 3 i.e if your child has their 3rd birthday between April and August (summer term) and from the term after an eligibility code has been issued. This means for example, that if your child turns 3 during the summer term but you do not apply until September that your child will not be able to access the funding until January which is the start of the following term.

If you have any questions about the application process please come and see me in the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Business Manager

