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Important Information: Changes to Nursery Hours and Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about upcoming changes to our nursery sessions and charges that are made to ensure compliance with the statutory guidance for funded Early Years provision (15 or 30 hours) with effect from 5th January 2026.

Free Entitlement Hours
All eligible children are entitled to take up their free hours without any mandatory charges. There will be **no fees required for the free hours**, and children can access these hours in continuous blocks.

Optional Charges
While the free hours themselves remain free, parents may voluntarily choose to pay for additional extras, such as:

- Optional activities, events, trips or specialty tuition that are not essential to the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum

Children attending during their funded hours are **not charged for their nursery sessions**, but meals are **optional and will be charged separately**. Parents may choose to provide a packed lunch or pay for a school-provided meal if they wish.

Adjusted Nursery Hours
To avoid any artificial breaks in funded hours, we have adjusted the nursery schedule as follows:

- Funded sessions from 8.45 am –11.45 am and 11.45am-14.45pm.
- Private pay fees will apply from 14.45 pm-15.25pm

Next Steps
We will be updating registration and booking forms to reflect these changes. Please contact School Office if you have any questions or need guidance on the new arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make these adjustments to comply with the statutory guidance and continue providing high-quality Early Years provision for your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A Walsh

Headteacher