



Shavington Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for expressing an interest in a nursery place for your child.

We offer children either:

A place in the Ladybird Group - 5 full days – 30 hours

or

A place in the Caterpillar Group – 5 mornings – 15 hours

or

A place in the Butterfly Group – 5 afternoons- 15 hours

All three groups will learn in the same classroom and have access to the same curriculum; they may have different staff as their keyworker, but will be under the leadership of a qualified teacher. We envision that most of the time all the children will work and play together with each group having their own special times at the start and end of the session.

By offering 3 types of provision we can give continuity to the children in those groups: they will be able to build strong friendships with those children they see daily. It will also allow staff to offer the same experiences to all children. We know that regular attendance allows children to make good progress academically and socially.

If you apply for 5 mornings, your child can attend our before school club as an addition. If you apply for 5 afternoons, they can attend after school club with the usual costs applied.

30 hour funding can only be used towards Before or After School Club if your child is in either the Caterpillar or Butterfly group.

Children in Ladybird group can access both before and after school club and the usual costs will apply for these as the 30 hour funding has to be used against Nursery hours first.

If you apply for a place in the Ladybird group it is expected that all 30 hours are financed, through either the 30 hours government funding or by parent's paying the extra sessions costs. We understand that not all parents want their children initially to do 5 full days and we won't insist on this, but the place in the group is theirs should you wish to increase their days later in the year. Although we would hope for regular attendance in the 30 hour group, the children aren't of statutory school age and so if they get tired in the autumn term and you decide to keep them at home some Fridays, or you plan a family outing on a sunny day; that is fine. But please understand that all sessions must be paid for either by the 30 hours funding or via an invoice, even if you choose to keep your child at home some days.





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As well as allowing children more consistency in terms of who they attend with, we believe that by having all children attend nursery every day we can further improve the learning we offer them. We are really proud of our nursery and the wonderful indoor and outdoor spaces we have for them. We are excited about what attending each day will offer the children.

Please can we ask that you complete the attached form indicating which group you would like to apply for and email it back to us.

Kind Regards

Sally Earl

Early Years Leader





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Questions

I only want 2 ½ days which group should I apply for?

You can choose to apply for either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons or for 5 full days. If you apply for a place in the 30 hour group the other 2 ½ days will need to be financed. From what we know about our previous cohorts of children, the vast majority of our families are entitled to 30 hours funding and so this can be used to cover the days when they don't attend. If you are only entitled to 15 hours funding, you can choose to either pay for the rest of the sessions or apply for a place in the 15 hours group. Once assigned a place in the 30 hour group, the place is there for you to increase your child's hours as the year goes on.

Can my child do 3 mornings and 2 afternoons?

No, either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons. This is so that the children get into a good daily routine and so that they build friendships with the same group of children.

If they only do mornings, can we add some full days later in the year?

If you choose to apply for a 15 hour place, you can later in the year apply for a place on the 30 hour group if there is room. We can't offer all mornings and then the occasional afternoon. At the end of the summer term, we will offer up to 3 additional sessions for those children in the 15 hour groups who are due to start Reception so that they can experience full days before they start. We will work with you to prepare them for Reception.

My child doesn't receive funding yet but I would like them to start to get to know the setting. Can I start them off on 1 or 2 sessions a week?

You are very welcome to apply for a place in either the 15 or 30 hour session after their third birthday and before their funding becomes available, but all sessions will have a cost. To enable children to settle in before their funding starts, we will offer 3 settling sessions free of charge in the weeks before.

Can I share my funded hours between you and another setting?

Yes, if you apply for a place in one of the 15 hour groups, you are very welcome to use the other 15 hour in another setting / childminder on the afternoons/mornings they are not with us.

I want 4 and a half days and receive 15 hours universal funding- what do I have to pay?

You would need to apply for a place in our 30 hour group and would be expected to pay for all sessions not covered by funding. That would be 5 x £14.50. Our session costs, as well as the fees for before and after school club are on our website.

You used to offer total flexibility to do whatever sessions we wish, why don't you now?

As we have grown in numbers, we have found that offering total flexibility has meant that children don't get to know and interact with a consistent group of peers as those attending change daily. We want to offer more consistency for the children in terms of who they see and what they do in the classroom.

We are also finding it harder and harder to be able to accommodate those children who already attend who want to increase their hours. Demand for places is such that in the last couple of years we have had to turn away families in the summer term who registered an interest in a place when their child was a baby, purely because as the year goes on numbers increase. By offering 3 types of provision we feel that we are still giving some flexibility but are also aiming to have stable numbers all year so as not to disappoint families in the spring and summer terms.

