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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, the government introduced 30 hours of free childcare from September 2017 for three and four year olds for those parents who are eligible, rather than just the 15 hours that is available to all. If eligible, you are entitled to an extra 570 hours of free childcare a year to use flexibly. This amounts to 1,140 hours in total.

Here are some key facts to help find out if you are eligible:

- You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).
- If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you are unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.
- You cannot claim the additional hours if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

For further information and to register for updates visit the government's Childcare choices website (<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>) This will tell you what you are entitled to. If you are entitled to the 30 hours you will be directed from this webpage to the digital childcare service to apply.

St Augustine's has been offering 30 hours childcare since September 2017.

The timings of the nursery day are as follows:

The morning session is 3 hours 8:50am - 11:40am

The afternoon session is 3 hours 12:25pm - 15:25pm

The time for a full day will be 6 hours and 45 minutes, to include lunchtime. Over the course of a week 4 full days and a half day work out to the 30 hours entitlement.

You will be able to choose

1 full day and 4 half days	18 hours 45 minutes
2 full days and 3 half days	22 hours 30 minutes
3 full days and 2 half days	26 hours 15 minutes
4 full days and 1 half day	30 hours

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For the full days lunch time is included however, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Once you have selected the days you would like your child to attend, this cannot be changed until the following term.

If you are eligible you will be given an 11 digit 'eligibility code' for your child which you will need to bring to nursery (along with your national insurance number and your child's date of birth) for us to claim your 30 hours place. The places available for the 30 hours entitlement will be offered on a first come first served basis and your hours can be split between settings.

You will need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months however, there is a grace period if you become ineligible for the 30 hours.

If you need any help or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Louise Selden

Headteacher