

Tuesday 21st November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enhancements to our Nursery childcare offer

We continue to work hard to make sure that our excellent nursery provision provides affordable childcare for families as well as an outstanding pathway into full time education.

This term we are introducing a few changes to our offer which might help families plan their childcare including support for the busy build up to Christmas.



With effect from 1st December 2017, we will take pupils into our nursery as from the date of their actual 3rd birthday, should parents so wish, as opposed to the term after their third birthday (1st Jan, 1st April, 1st Sept) which is the current situation. The period from 3rd birthday through to the commencement of the funded offer at term after will be chargeable at our usual sessional rate, but we hope that this will help families a little especially where their child is ready to progress their development in Nursery as soon as they are 3.

Also from December this year we will accept pupils already on roll in Nursery to add in additional sessions on an ad-hoc/casual basis. Again these sessions will be chargeable, and of course only bookable where we have availability, but hopefully having some flexibility with regard childcare might help when those important but unforeseen events come up. For example, with school not breaking up until Friday 22nd December, planned use of Nursery could facilitate some 'quiet' shopping/preparation time in the build up to Christmas!



Currently we have limited availability for all sessions including lunch club, both for ad-hoc sessions in December as well as pupils starting or changing their offer in January. We have enhanced availability towards the end of the week.

Our sessional charges are: £15 per 3 hour session; £3 for lunch club supervision.

Please do spread the word about the above changes – we welcome new applications and can vary your booking contract mid-term if you want more established sessions as opposed to ad-hoc. Just phone 01937 832899 or email admin@riverside.n-yorks.sch.uk for more information or to discuss.

Please could we also take this opportunity to remind Nursery parents whose children are eligible for main school in September, to apply online for Reception class via:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-primary-or-junior-school-place>

Kind regards,
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