**Funding & Vouchers**

**15 Hours Free Childcare**

All children in England are eligible for the 15 Hours Free Childcare from their local authority starting from the term after their 3rd birthday until they go to school. Currently, Richmond Borough pays £5.25 per hour for up to 15 hours per week. We claim this on your behalf when you complete a Parent Funding Authorization Form, which we will give to you. The 15-hour free entitlement can also be applied to Lunch club and Early Birds Club if you sign up for them in advance of the beginning of term. We cannot apply the 15 Hours Free Childcare to ad hoc sessions as we must notify the local authority a term in advance of our total requirement for that term. Unfortunately, the rate of £5.25 per hour isn’t sufficient to be able to fund a child’s place fully and therefore additional parental contributions are necessary for the Nursery to remain sustainable. These will be billed as "services outside the 15 Hours Free Childcare funding". These additional services include, amongst others, ball skills, music, and cookery.

Age Eligibility

Third Birthday between 1 April – 31 August; Eligible from Autumn Term starting September

Third Birthday between 1 September – 31 December; Eligible from Spring Term starting in January

Third Birthday between 1 January – 31 March; Eligible from Summer Term starting in April

We work in conjunction with most large Childcare Voucher Schemes. If you have registered with one of these schemes prior to March 1st  2018, then you can continue to use that scheme. Please advise us by email of the name of the Childcare Voucher company and the name of the parent on the account and reference the payment with your child's name.

After April 1st, 2018, the only option is to register with the government's Childcare Choices scheme. To do this you must register on the website www.childcarechoices.co.uk

When you are prompted for provider details you enter ours as follows:

Our Ofsted number: EY443679

Our postcode: SW13 0LP

For more information or if you have any queries or concerns, please come, and see Julia in the Office.