

27 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, let me thank you for choosing The Pochin School as your child's primary school. To better meet the needs of the children, families and community that the school serves, we are exploring the idea of starting an **on-site Nursery called 'The Pochin Pre-School'**. This nursery class will be for 3 and 4 year olds only, during term times only and during the main school hours. The questionnaire overleaf will help us gauge how to offer the best possible provision for you and your child.

Background and Rationale

From September 2017, the Government has doubled the amount of **free childcare for eligible working parents** of three and four year olds from 15 hours per week to 30 hours per week.

All 3-4 year old children will continue to receive 15 hours of free childcare per week, but will need to **apply online** to check their eligibility for the **extended 30 hours free** childcare by visiting:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

However, we understand that online applications can be a little confusing and we will be running an **online support workshop** at school for parents/carers before the Summer holidays. Once your eligibility is confirmed, you will receive a **code** that you submit to your chosen childcare provider when your child starts. This code is then checked regularly to ensure that each child remains eligible for fully funded childcare.

The Pochin Pre-School will initially offer fully-funded and part-funded places for a maximum of twenty six children, during main school hours and term time only.

To help us develop the best possible childcare at The Pochin Pre-School, please answer the questions overleaf and return the form to the school by **Friday 18th May**. You can do this by returning it via email, post, by hand at the school reception or to your child's class teacher, and even over the phone by contacting the school office on 0116 269 2078.

If you know of family friends or relatives that may also be interested in sending their child to The Pochin Pre-School, please feel free to share this questionnaire with them.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O'Dell
Headteacher
The Pochin School

Personal Details

Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Telephone: _____

Parent Name: _____

Initial Questions

Would you like your child to attend The Pochin Pre-School from January 2018? Priority will be given to children living within the catchment area and siblings of children already attending The Pochin School. Any remaining places would be issued on a first come first served basis.

Yes/No

How often would you like your child to attend The Pochin Pre-School? Tick as appropriate

Mornings Only
08:30 – 11:45

Afternoons Only
12:15 – 15:30

All day
08:30 – 15:30

If you are **not eligible** for the free 30 hours childcare, would you be willing to **pay an extra cost** to 'top-up,' the hours your child spends at The Pochin Pre-School?

This is currently set at £5 per hour, which equates to **£100 per week** for part-funded places (15 hours free)

Yes/No

Term time equivalent at local nurseries currently costs £125 per week

Would you be happy providing your child with a healthy packed lunch every day?

Yes/No

30 Hour Free Childcare Eligibility Questions

Does each parent earn over £6,000 per year? Or work at least 16 hours per week at the minimum wage, earning at least £120 a week? Or plan to do so once childcare is arranged?

Yes/No

Is one or are both parents on maternity or statutory sick leave?

Yes/No

Is one parent working more than above and the other is unable to work due to disability/limited capacity?

Yes/No

Other Comments: _____
