



Changes to the 15 hours of our Nursery Provision to 30 hours Offer Consultation



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Have your say on changes to the 30 hours Nursery Provision Offer for children at Highfield Nursery and the extended nursery childcare provision.

In March 2023 the Government announced that there will be an extension of the Free Early Years Childcare Offer for children under five and Primary School extended childcare provision.

To help us plan for the future and ensure that we have sufficient childcare provision, we are reaching out to residents and in particular Enfield parents, carers and families, plus early years providers to obtain your views.

Your feedback will provide valuable insight, both in terms of the current offer and the Governments most recent changes, and will help us ensure we can meet the future needs of our Enfield families.

What are the changes to the FREE Early Years Childcare Offer and extended childcare provision?

The Government are extending childcare to support more parents returning to work after their parental leave ends. By September 2025, working parents of all children over the age of nine months will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare. So that nurseries and childminders can prepare to deliver such a major expansion.

Timeline for proposed changes:

- from September 2024, we are proposing to have a 30-place full-time (30 hours) 3-4 year old Nursery. This is a reduction to 30 full-time children from 60 part-time children and this will support the local provisions to be more sustainable.
- from September 2024, all Highfield Nursery children will start at 8.30am and finish at 2.30pm (6 hours of provision per day). They will be expected to attend Monday to Friday.
- from September 2024, the Nursery children will need to bring in a packed lunch from home, that they will eat in school under the supervision of familiar nursery staff and play leaders.
- from September 2024, the parents will have the option to have their nursery aged child stay in nursery from 2.30pm-3.30pm at a cost of £6 per day.
- from September 2024, the option to have your nursery child remain in Nursery as part of the extended childcare provision care from 3.30pm-5.30pm will be at a cost of £8.50 per day.
- from September 2025, we are hoping to offer 60 full time places of 30 hours for Nursery children.



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To find out more about the changes please visit the [Governments information page on the planned changes](#) (External link).

How to have your say:

If you are a parent or a carer of a child, or a family member, a pre-school provider or a member of staff; please take the time to complete our questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/YPwbQQDXd1G7F4YH9>

The questionnaire will be open until **Friday 5th January 2024**.

If you would like to request a paper questionnaire or another format please:

- email office@highfield-pri.enfield.sch.uk or telephone 020 8360 2149 alternatively you can write to us at:

Highfield Primary School,
Highfield Road,
Winchmore Hill
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- if you would like someone to help you complete the survey or need more information, please contact us using one of the above methods.

What happens after the consultation closes?

The school will use the consultation findings to inform our future plans for the Nursery provision. We will publish the findings from the consultation on our school website page in January 2024.