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Dear Parent,

Thank you for your request for an application form. At Oakridge Nursery School we offer continuous provision between our opening time of 8am and our finishing time of 4pm. Some two and all three and four year olds are entitled to free part-time early year's education (EYE):

2 year old offer: Children **must** meet either criterion A, B or C to be eligible for funding.

Criterion A – Economic: Children whose parents/carers are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income based Job Seekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part 6 (VI) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Working Tax Credit 4 week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Criterion B – Children looked after by the Local Authority:

Child in Care

Child Leaving Care in Special Guardianship, adoption or child arrangements order

Criterion C – Child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability as defined by:

Children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)

3 and 4 year old offer: all children are entitled to access **up to 15 hours a week** of free part-time early years education (**570 hours in a child's eligibility year**). The entitlement starts in the funding period which follows your child's third birthday.

30 hours offer: Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare (**an extra 570 hours of free childcare a year to use flexibly, so 1140 hours in total**):

They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage

- This equates to £120 a week for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.



- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave or unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities

You can check your eligibility for 2 year old and the 30 hour entitlement by visiting:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You can decide what sessions you would like your child to attend on the days that you choose and you are under no obligation to send your child every day. For children who do not qualify for free entitlement, or if you want your child to stay for additional hours above the 15 per week covered by the grant, fees will be charged at the current hourly rate which can be found on our website.

New enrolments are subject to a non-refundable £25 registration fee which is payable when your child starts in nursery.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Charman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D'.

Diane Charman
Executive Headteacher