

## AINSLIE WOOD PRIMARY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you recently regarding the government's request to increase the nursery hours for 3 and 4 year olds to 30 hours (subject to eligibility).

The eligibility checking service is now live. The website is www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

## To be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- Both parents must be working or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England

Please visit the government website <a href="www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a> and complete the information required to see if you are eligible to receive the 30 hours free childcare. Once this is completed bring the confirmation receipt back to the school office so that we can check it.

We will then be able to confirm what the next steps will be.

If you are not able to take up the 30 hours you could still be eligible for the rising 3s.

## You could be eligible for Rising 3s if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)















## A child may also be eligible if:

- They are looked after by a local council
- They have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- They get Disability Living Allowance
- They have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

Yours sincerely,

Carmen Cooper School Business Manager