Dear Families,

From January 2024, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering the option of a full-time nursery provision. The details for the different options are written below.

1. **Part Time Funded Places**

With the universal offer, all children aged 3+ years are entitled to three hours a day free nursery education, funded by the Government. At Malden Parochial Nursery, children attend either every weekday morning from 8.35am to 11.35am or every weekday afternoon from 12.35pm to 3.15pm.

1. **Full Time Funded Places**

For working families, where the parents meet specific eligibility criteria, we are able to offer the option of funded 30 hour places for those who prefer their child to attend the nursery from **8.35am to 3.15pm.**

**Please check this website for eligibility:** [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Scroll down to the section titled ’30 hours free childcare’ where you can read the eligibility criteria and apply for your funding.

The funding covers 30 hours of childcare, which is 6 hours per day. There will be an additional Lunch Club every day, when a lunch will be served in the nursery, provided by our catering company, Caterlink. The children will eat in a ;family style’ arrangement with a member of staff, with an emphasis on healthy eating, learning good table manners and social skills.

The maximum number of funded hours that can be claimed each week is 30 hours. At Malden Parochial Nursery, we offer 6 hours and 40 minutes per day, from 8.35am – 3.15pm. This includes 6 ‘funded’ hours and an additional 40 in the lunch club.

The nursery day timings are as follow:

* 8.35am – 11.35am – Morning Nursery
* 11.35am – 12.15pm – Lunch Club
* 12.15pm – 3.15pm – Afternoon Nursery

If eligible for this full time funded place, your child will be able to stay for both the morning and afternoon nursery sessions. Our expectation is that your child will remain all day and so parents are offered a place at **our Lunch Club which will be charged at £7.50 for the session**. This is made up of childcare plus the cost of the meal.

If you do not wish for your child to stay for Lunch Club, parents may have the option of taking their child home for lunch. Please discuss this with the School Business Manager.

***Applying for funding to access a Full Time Funded Place***

Parents must apply via <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> to obtain an eligibility code\*. These 30 hours of funding codes must be passed on to the school office to secure your offer of a place at Malden Parochial Nursery, along with a non-refundable deposit of £100. The deposit can be paid via ParentMail or BACS:

**Name:** Malden Parochial Church of England Primary School

**Sort code:** 30-94-77

**Account number:** 71717360

If you are experiencing any problems checking your eligibility, please contact the Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097.

Please note that a completing Parent Funding Authorisation Form must be completed before your child begins 30 hour provision. By applying for a Full Time Funded place, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of admission.

Once your place has been confirmed and your child takes up a Full Time Funded place, the deposit will be deducted from your lunch fees for the first half term. We are not able to offer a refund if you child your mind and decide not to take up a place.

**\* The eligibility is only valid for 3 months and you will need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months in order to maintain the funded place.** If you fall out of eligibility, you will have the option to pay for your child’s full time place at £28.50 per session.

1. **Full Time Paid Places**

If families are not eligible for a funded place, but would still like to apply for a Full Time place, we are able to offer places. In order to access out Full Time provision, children must attend the nursery every day.

With the Full Time Paid places, children will receive their 3 hours of free Nursery education per day (funded by the Government) and parents will pay for the additional 3 hours 40 minutes each day. Each Full time place is charged at £28.50 per session.

Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required to confirm a Full Time place on a first-come-first-served basis. This deposit will be deducted from your first half terms fees. Once your place in confirmed, payment will be required for the first half of the Spring Term.