



HILLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Would you be interested in a FULL TIME nursery place?

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to bring to your attention two possible ways in which we may be able to support families and help improve the outcomes for our children.

1. Possibility of a paid full time nursery place in the Summer Term (April –July 2017)

Following a number of enquiries, we are considering offering paid additional places in our school nursery so that your child could attend from 8.30am until 3.15pm which would include staying at school for lunch. We believe this would have a number of benefits which include:

- The children will have access to provision that is led by fully qualified teachers – this has had a very positive impact on outcomes for children in neighbouring boroughs where this system is already in place.
- There will be fewer transitions between providers during the school day enabling an easier settling in period for the children and providing continuity and consistency in approach.
- The children will find the transition to compulsory full time education in reception an even smoother process.

If enough people are interested in this option we would like to offer this to parents from April 2017. Your child would need to attend each day with a proposed **weekly cost of £90** (This is the calculated at a daily rate of £15 for the 5 additional sessions and £3 for each of the lunchtime sessions.) Initially children would need to bring their own packed lunch to eat during this time.

At this stage we are asking for **expressions of interest only** so that we can see if this is a viable model for us to resource. If we decide to go ahead further information will be provided.

2. Government Proposal for 30 hours paid nursery provision from September 2017

You may already be aware that the Government is proposing to offer 30 hours paid nursery provision from September 2017 for working families. We are waiting for further information from the Government before we are able to confirm details of this offer but we believe those people earning between £16,000 and £100,000 will be eligible. Schools do not have to participate in offering places within the 30 hour scheme but as your child will be remaining in our nursery when the changes are due to take place, we are writing to enquire if you would be interested, and likely to be eligible, in taking up this offer so that we can ascertain if participation in the scheme will be a viable option for our school. There will be other providers that may be able to offer this but we believe accessing this provision in a school setting has a number of additional benefits which are listed above.

I am currently liaising with the Local Authority and I will share more information as soon as it becomes available but if you feel you are likely to make use of this offer **please express your interest in either or both options** by contacting Mrs Ruth Short, School Business Manager (ruth.short@hillcross.merton.sch.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Francis (Mrs)
Head Teacher

