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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking at potentially expanding our 2-year-old nursery offer at Dashwood academy and would like to survey parents to see if this is something they would be interested in.

As you may already be aware, the government are expanding their free childcare and education offer for young children over the next few years. Therefore, we would like to find out how this may affect our future demand for 2-year-old nursery places.

- From April 2024, the government are offering 15 hours of funded 2-year old nursery places to eligible working parents for 38 weeks per year (term-time only).
- From September 2025, this will be increased to 30 hours of funded 2-year-old places per week for eligible working parents (term-time only).
- This is alongside the continuation of the current funded 15 hours for families who currently claim certain forms of government support.

For more information and criteria for eligibility on the above, please see this website

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Currently in our 2-year-old Cherry class, we offer the option of 15 hours per week. These hours are taken either as:

- a morning session 8:45 am - 11:45 am Monday to Friday. Term time only.
- an afternoon session 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm Monday to Friday. Term time only.

We currently accept government funded and paid for places.

In the near future, would be looking at the prospect of expanding our 2-year-old offer to 30 hours per week, if the need was there. This would be by combining the current morning and afternoon sessions, as well as adding on the option of paying for children to stay for lunch (11:45 am - 12:15 pm). Therefore, parents would have the option of their child attending our 2-year-old full days from 8:45 am - 3:15 pm. We would still continue to offer the current 15 hours alongside this. But please note, this is in the early planning stage and not a definite option at present.

We would really appreciate if parents could take the time to answer the questions on the short survey below. This is so that we can better understand the nursery provision needs in our community, to be able to tailor our offer accordingly and make changes if the demand is there. The deadline for surveys will be Friday 3rd November 2023.

Link to Survey – <https://forms.gle/Y28sph2N2AdMCHay7>

Kind regards

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