

Gladstone Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Nursery Admissions for September 2017 – Gladstone Primary Academy

As you are aware, your child has been offered a place at Gladstone Primary Academy.

The early education and childcare offer for three and four year olds will change from September 2017. Currently, all three and four year olds are eligible for 15 hours of childcare per week (570 hours per year). At Gladstone, in the past, we have been fortunate to offer an additional 15 hours free provision to all children giving a total of 30 hours. The school, however does not currently receive funding to provide 30 hours of free childcare and due to the cuts made to our school budget we have had to make changes to our Nursery offer from September, 2017.

From September 2017, 'working parents' of three and four year olds will be eligible for 30 hours per week of free early education. This will be funded through the local authority. Not all children will be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, but will still be entitled to receive the 15 hours free childcare that is currently available

The eligibility rules are:

- You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you are unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.
- You cannot get 30 hours free childcare if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

Please complete the attached form indicating what you think you would be entitled to and your preferred way of taking up the offer. Please return this by June 30th to Mrs Linda O'Donnell. This can be handed to the school Office, posted or emailed to the address above.

Please note that eligibility for 30 hours free childcare and early education may change throughout the year depending on employment circumstances. I.e. Even if you are not eligible now, you may become eligible later in the year. If you are eligible, now then you may become ineligible later in the year if your circumstances change. Therefore, current eligibility status does not guarantee a full time place throughout the whole academic year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Preston'.

Mrs Elaine Preston
Headteacher

Applying for 30 hours free childcare

Parents can apply for 30 hours free childcare at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. This is a joint application for tax-free childcare (more information available at the above website). Our admission requirements mean that all parents must provide evidence that they have applied for 30 hours free childcare even if you think you will not be eligible. This will ensure that the school/nursery receives the relevant funding to support your child's early education.

From September 2017 our Nursery offer at Gladstone will be:

- A 15 hours free place for all children (9.00-12.00, Monday-Friday) and 30 hours free (9.00-3.00, Monday-Friday) for all children with 'working parents' eligible for 30 hours.
- A 15 hours free place for all children (9.00-12.00, Monday-Friday), with any additional wraparound care provided by our Nursery at an additional cost of £50 per week (including a meal). **This option will be for a Full Term commitment please note we will not be offering ad hoc days or weeks.**

After reading this letter (including the information on eligibility) please tick the following statement which applies to you.

- I believe that my child will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare and early education and would take up the full 30 hour offer at Gladstone Primary Academy
- I believe that my child will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare and early education and will take up 15 hours at Gladstone and 15 hours elsewhere (with a local childcare provider)
- I believe that my child will not be entitled to the 30 hours and will take up ONLY 15 hours per week in the hours shown above
- I believe that my child will not be entitled to the 30 hours and will take up 15 hours per week free and we will pay for the additional 15 hours at Gladstone at a cost of £50.00 per week including lunch.

Further comments:

Name of child: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Name or parent completing form: _____

Signed: _____

Headteacher: Mrs Elaine Preston B.A. (Hons), P.G.C.E., N.P.Q.H.

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Claire Annese BSc (Hons), P.G.C.E. **Assistant Headteacher:** Mr Stephen Stanford BSc (Hons), P.G.C.E.

