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Dear Parents/Carers

Childcare Reforms from April 2024

Currently, parents and carers of 3 year old children and some 2 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare support. Additionally, some 3 year olds qualify for 30 hours of support.

From April 2024, the Government are making changes to allow more children to be entitled to support. These changes impact on 2 year olds and 9 month to 23 month olds.

The New Childcare Reforms are as follows:

*Starting from **April 2024**, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet needs of more families. This means that;*

*From **April 2024**, working parents of 2 year olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.*

*From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3 year olds.*

*From **September 2025**, working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.*

With the expansion of childcare support, we need to know what the needs of our families are as well as what the needs of the community around Mowbray is. The attached surveys will help us identify needs and allow the Governing Body to consider if and / or how we may expand provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand.

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If you are affected by the changes we could really appreciate you taking the time to complete the relevant survey. Feel free to forward the surveys to any families who may not currently be linked to Mowbray but who may benefit from an expansion of provision here.

2 Year Old Survey Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0SrqFMGvXEE_whPadVIYjSmCMSi8NINPVOLXAKg9ugdMOpw/viewform?usp=sf_link

9 Month to 23 Months Old Survey Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqiaBeRvd4yzizqhpW2rFDuWniZdKCgV60fnSmsKRMHOylA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yours sincerely

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