



Dear Parents/Carers

Just a quick note to clarify the funding eligibility when there is a part week involved.

The Government funding is paid for 15 hours per week term time (which we have co-ordinated with Highview school terms), or 12 hours per week all year round if you have opted for the stretched offer. Neither of these options include Bank holidays. Therefore for the term after Easter:

Monday is a bank holiday which is not funded for any child and Tuesday is a school holiday so it is not funded for the term time children. This means 4/5ths of the funding is eligible for the stretched offer children and 3/5ths for the term-time. This works out to 9.6 hours for the stretched offer and 9 for the term-time.

Due to the complicated systems in place to enable you to have the hours that best suit your needs, sticking to these hours rigidly would have been too complicated and would cause a lot of problems to many of you. Therefore we went for a simpler system of term days rather than hours.

By this method:

Children on the stretched offer can do their usual hours Tuesday to Friday and those on term-time funding can do their usual hours from Wednesday to Friday.

This method has proved to be relatively fair when evened out over the year, with most children getting more hours than they should if anything. However, if any parent feels they are losing hours this way, I am more than happy to discuss a better alternative for them.

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