

STMARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Letter re Phase 4 pilots – St Marys RC Primary School

By 2020 all Midlothian Early Learning and Childcare settings will be providing 1140 hours flexibly to meet families' needs, to a high quality, fully accessible and affordable service.

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware the Scottish Government are committed to extending the current 600 hours per year of early learning and childcare to 1140 hours from August 2020. Midlothian Council are continuing to phase in the extended entitlement and have selected a number of schools, private and third sector providers and childminders to offer extended hours next term. **St Marys Primary school** has been selected as a pilot setting and will be offering 24 full time places.

In the event that there is a higher demand for full time places in the school than there are places available, the following criteria will be used to allocate the places:

- 1. Children in receipt of statutory care and protection measures.**
- 2. Children that previously received A Good Time to Be 2 funding or have siblings that are entitled to free school meals or clothing allowance grants**
- 3. Children who have special circumstances i.e. Additional support needs. This will be at the discretion of the head teacher.**
- 4. Children that live in an SIMD 1 /2 /3 area.**
- 5. Any remaining places will be given in age order with the oldest given priority.**

If more children meet one of the above criteria than there are places left available, priority will be given through the remaining criteria. **If you are not successful with your application for a full time place, you will automatically be put on a waiting list.**

We are exploring two potential models of delivering the extended hours and we would be interested in your feedback. These are described below and we will ask you to let us know which model best suits your needs in the application form overleaf. The model with the most demand will be the one that is used.

**Model 1 - Asymmetrical – Full time places 8.30am – 3.00pm Mon –Thurs
8.30am - 12.20pm Fri**

You would need to provide a packed lunch Monday – Thursday initially. The part time am and pm places times would change as a result of moving to this model (see attached sheet for times

Model 2 Symmetrical – full time places 9.00am – 3.00pm Mon –Fri

You would need to provide a packed lunch Monday – Friday initially.

If you do not wish to apply for a full time place, you are still able to have an am or pm place. However, please be aware that the asymmetrical model 1 has changed the times for part times places.

You will need to let us know which session you wish your child to attend. Please see the attached sheet for the different options. I would ask that you do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss any of these options.

We kindly ask for all notes of interest to be returned by **Monday 17th December 2018**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Liz Laird
Headteacher

Name of Child _____

Child's Date of Birth _____

Please tick this box if your child received a Good Time 2 be 2 place?

Please tick this box if your child is currently attending a childminder

Are you interested in a full time place at the school Yes No

If yes, please indicate which model of delivery you would prefer

Model 1 – Asymmetric
Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 3.00pm
Friday 8.30am – 12.20pm

Model 2 - Symmetric
Monday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Would you prefer to continue the part time place Yes No

If yes, please indicate which model of delivery you would prefer (please rate from 1 to 4)

Asymmetric Morning place
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 12.30pm (no session on a Friday)

Symmetric Morning place
Monday - Friday 8.30am - 11.40am

Please return to nursery by 17th December 2018