



Subject: MINIMUM FUNDING ENTITLEMENT (MFE) – 15 HOURS

Dear Parents,

We are amongst a few private nurseries who have chosen to take part in the Government Minimum Funding Entitlement (MFE). This means you, as parents, have a reduction of around £1000 plus for each term's fees (depending on the term). This is extra paperwork for us and so we would be grateful if you could facilitate us by being quick at returning any paperwork to the school.

Pangbourne House receives funding, via the local authority, to ensure children attending this school receive the free nursery entitlement in the term after their third birthday. All participating early years settings (including schools) sign an annual service level agreement with the local authority which details the terms of inclusion in the funding scheme. One of these terms is the requirement for settings to ensure parents are aware they are receiving the entitlement and that this is clearly marked on each term's invoice. This entitlement is for £7.27 an hour (for up to 15 hours a week) and all participating settings can charge for additional hours or for services that are not a requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage. If parents want to receive the entitlement without paying for these additional services/hours each setting is not required to accommodate this request. However, the local authority has a statutory duty to fund a place and parents can contact the Family Information Service (020 7361 3302) who will support them in finding a place at another setting.

As well as following the EYFS guidance, Pangbourne House is a Montessori School. This method of teaching means employing and investing in qualified Montessori teachers as well as equipping the school with all the extensive Montessori apparatus.

Pangbourne House also provides additional services which include gymnastics, drama, music and a range of creative art activities. It is the cost of these services that are charged separately on our invoices.

Please sign this page to indicate that you will not make any claims against the school that may arise in connection with the Minimum Funding Entitlement:

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____