Queen Mary's Schools

To the parents of all Pupils of Mayfield Preparatory School.

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Dear Parents,

Changes to Pre-Nursery/Nursery Free Hours Allowance and to Sibling Discount Rates.

I am delighted to advise you that following a recent meeting of the Governing Body, the following changes are ready to be implemented:

- As from the start of the summer term 2025, parents of children aged 3-5 will be able to use the Government Scheme to apply for 30 hours free government funded childcare, subject to eligibility*. (Please note that all children aged 3 – 5 years are automatically eligible for free 15 hours government funded childcare.)
- As from September 2025, and when the new scheme commences, parents of children aged 2 will also be able to apply for 30 hours free government funded childcare, subject to eligibility*.
- As from the start of the summer term 2025, the following sibling discounts will be applied to fees: 5% for 2nd child, 10% for 3rd child and any subsequent children.
- A reminder that parents can also use the Tax-Free Childcare vouchers to contribute towards school fees for children before they reach compulsory school age (the term after the child becomes 5 years old), before school, after school and holiday clubs. <u>Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK</u> <u>Tax-Free Childcare – Mayfield Preparatory School</u>

* To check your eligibility criteria for 30 hours free government funded childcare, and to apply for your code to pass onto the school accountants, please follow the link below:

Apply for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK Apply for a code

Parents should not hesitate to contact the School office or the Bursar's office if any advice/assistance in relation to the operation of the 30 hours scheme is required.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David M. Milne.