Diptford C of E Primary School

Preschool Admissions Policy

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

As an academy, the Trust is the admission authority and has responsibility for setting these admission arrangements and for making decisions regarding Preschool Applications -we set our own oversubscription criteria.

The Ethos of Diptford C of E Primary School

Our Ethos - we ask parents to respect our ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of all parents to apply and be considered for a place here:
As a Multi Academy Trust encompassing community and church primary schools, we are proud of our intentionally individual and wonderfully unique character. Our overarching philosophy of valuing individuality and human flourishing permeates our shared vision and links our schools across the trust.
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Flourishing schools for all at the heart of our communities.
'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Our learners will be given opportunities to become independent, collaborative, creative learners who have the confidence to seek wisdom and nurture a love of learning. Our small schools provide big opportunities to broaden learners' horizons and prepare them for the fullness of life, through hope, aspiration and our core Christian values. We focus on relationships and learning to live well in a wider community that can flourish together.

The Church Schools within the Link Academy Trust aim to provide an education with four key elements which are at the heart of all that we are, enriched by our Christian traditions; Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity. Central to children's learning is respecting the worth, dignity and preciousness of each person in a safe and inclusive environment within the sight and love of God

Early Years Funding

- You may be entitled to funded Preschool sessions. Please use the Childcare Checker to find out what your family is entitled to receive.
- The government's Best Start in Life website gives information about childcare funding and support available to parents.
- School is required to check original copies of documentation to confirm that your child has reached the eligible age for all funded entitlements. You can provide a birth certificate, passport or Biometric Residence Permit (or something similar). School must retain copies of this document for seven years.

Universal Entitlement

- All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 570 funded hours a year or 15 hours a week over 38 weeks (term times) of funded early years provision.

Working Entitlement

- An additional 15 hours a week is available for working parents of aged 3 and 4 year olds and up to 30 hours a week for 2-year-olds and under (1140 hours a year) who meet the eligibility criteria.
- You need to open a Government Gateway Account Childcare Service to make an application online for this funding if you are a working parent or carer.
- Eligible parents/carers will receive a code beginning '50' (or a temporary code beginning '11') which they will need to give to school. **Please apply for your code in good time.** It can be provided up to 16 weeks before your child is of eligible age, however, if an application is made very early, you may need to reconfirm your code prior to taking up a funded place.
- School must validate your code through Devon County Council as they pay the funding to our school.
- If you become ineligible, there will be a 'grace period' in which school will continue to receive funding for your child until the end of the relevant funding period.
- If your child is no longer eligible and the grace period has ended, you will continue to get the 570 hours universal entitlement if your child is three or four.

Early Learning for 2 Year Olds (ELF2)

- We encourage all parents/carers with a two year old (or approaching their second birthday) to check their eligibility for Early Learning for 2 year olds (ELF2) funding via the Citizens Portal or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1013 who will do an assisted application with you.
- Eligible parents/carers will receive an email to confirm entitlement. This will include the name of your child, the earliest date that they can take up a funded place and a reference number starting TYF878. Please share the email with school to confirm your eligibility for ELF2 funding.
- If you are eligible for both the ELF2 funding (15 hours) and the 2-year-old funding for working parents (30 hours) school will claim the latter and will make a note of your eligibility for the ELF2 funding as your child may also be eligible for other funding.

Other funding to support your child

- **Disability Access Funding (DAF)** is given to school to support children with disabilities or special educational needs. It aids access by supporting us to make reasonable adjustments. Children who are accessing some, or all, of their early year's entitlement funding, who are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for Disability Access Funding.
- **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)** is additional funding for school to improve the education we provide and the outcomes for children. Devon County Council identifies children who are in care to Devon and funding for these children is automatically paid to the school.
- Please ask the school office for an economic application form for EYPP so that we can claim all funding that your child may be eligible to receive.
- We need to know whether your child is in care to another local authority, or if they have left care and are subject to a special guardianship, child arrangement, or adoption order. If this applies to your child, please ask the school office for a Children in Care application form for EYPP.
- There is no lower age limit for a **Free School Meal**. Please check if your child can have free school meals on the Citizens Portal. In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria when you choose your session times Free School Meals can only be given when you book a full day.
- Please complete the **Parent Declaration Form**. You will find our privacy notice on this form to comply with the General Data Protection Requirements (GDPR).

This form helps us to collect the information needed to make funding claims for your child. School must have your written consent to use your codes and personal details for funding purposes.

- We expect to admit children that will be using their Early Years Funding as well as children whose parents are buying additional hours and those that are both funded and buying hours.
- There may be some children who are only attending for bought hours and some that only attend for funded hours.
- The maximum amount of funded time that you can take in a day is 10 hours; you cannot use more than two sites for funded early years places in a day.

Admissions to the Preschool

Diptford C of E Primary School admits:

- All funded children from their third birthday term times only
- All non-funded children from their third birthday term times only
- Funded and non-funded children from the start of the funding period following their second/third birthday term times only

Points of admission to Preschool

- We want children who are eligible for funding to start as soon as they can. If we have a space your child will be admitted.
- If we don't have a space your child's name will be added to a waiting list that is kept in order of their priority for a place. We will let you know if a place becomes available.
- Our Preschool usually fills up during the autumn term. This means that places rarely become available until the following September unless a child reduces their hours or leaves. We do not want you to wait for a place if one is unlikely to be available. In these instances, we suggest that you find an alternative provision.

If your child is born between:	You can claim funding from:
1 January and 31 March	1 April following the child's birthday
1 April and 31 August	1 September following the child's birthday
1 September and 31 December	1 January following the child's birthday

- The table above shows the dates when you can claim funding for your child if you are eligible.
- We expect most children will leave the Preschool to start full time in reception in the September following their fourth birthday.
- If you choose to defer or delay entry into school the Early Years Funding is paid up until the time when your child reaches compulsory school age.
- There is a legal requirement that all children begin full time education by the beginning of the term following their fifth birthday (compulsory school age). All places offered in reception are for full-time admission. This is a legal requirement on schools but not on parents who retain a right to defer admission or send their child part time.
- If your child is offered a staggered or part time start in school, you will not be funded to also attend Preschool because the school is funded for your child to attend full time in the reception class.

Sessions available in our Preschool

- Our school makes an offer for the universal 570-hour (15 hours) funding entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and Early Learning for 2 year olds (ELF2) funding as well as the 1140 hour extended working entitlement (30 hours) funding for children from three of:
    - Morning sessions of 9am to 12pm
    - Afternoon sessions of 12 to 3pm to include lunchtime
    - All day sessions of 9am to 3pm
- The table below sets out the session times that you can choose. When applying for a place please use the **Application Form** and tell us what sessions you want on the **Parent Declaration Form**.
- These are the sessions that you can choose. If you decide to collect your child early or drop them off later, you must tell us. By doing this you will either lose out on some of your funded entitlement hours or be paying for time that you have chosen not to take.

Session choices	**Hours**	**Bought, Funded or both?**
9.00am – 12.00pm	3	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.
12.00pm – 3.00pm	**3**	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.
9.00am – 3pm	6	As part of the Early Years Education Funding or bought.

- The school has signed up to the Devon County Council Provider Agreement and is compliant with the requirements for funded hours and for charging.

Charges

- There is no charge for applying for a Preschool place, for admission or for the provision of the funded entitlements.
- We will not request donations before or during the admissions process and any donations made to the school following admission are entirely voluntary.
- No bought activities are compulsory.
- Details about buying additional sessions in the Preschool are set out in the schools **Charging and Remissions Policy** which is available on the school website.
- We are unable to refund fees for sessions not taken due to illness, absence, holidays or where the preschool is forced to close due to circumstances beyond our control
- If a child's place is no longer required at the preschool, (apart from at normal expected entry into primary school) then we ask that a minimum of four weeks' notice is given otherwise regular booked sessions will need to be paid for. This includes funded sessions. If you move to another provider without giving 4 weeks' notice, you will forfeit 4 weeks of entitlement funding and you will need to pay for your child to attend another provider as Diptford Preschool will claim the 4 weeks funding in lieu of 4 weeks' notice.

School Lunches

- Free school meals (FSM) must be provided by us for children (whose parents meet the eligibility criteria) and if their **child attends both before and after the lunch time period**. This generally means an all-day session.
- A free school meal will be provided whether the child is attending for funded or bought time and regardless of their age. Please check your eligibility for a free school meal through the Citizens Portal so you can tell us if you are eligible when you apply for a place.
- Children who do not meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals in our Preschool are offered the opportunity to either buy a school lunch or bring a packed lunch if they attend during lunch time.

Help with the cost of childcare

- We accept childcare vouchers

- We are registered for Tax-Free Childcare and if you work you may be able to claim Universal Credit Childcare.
- If you are under 20 and a student, you may get help with childcare costs through Care to Learn.
- If you are a full time student in higher education and you qualify for student finance - you may be able to get a Childcare Grant.
- If you receive an NHS Bursary and you are a medical or dental student – you may be able to get a Childcare Allowance (CCA) through the NHS Business Services Authority.
- If you are unemployed your work coach may be able to support, you with the cost of childcare. Please speak directly with them.

Visiting the Preschool

- We welcome visits from parents and children who are considering applying for a place here. This is an opportunity for you to see what we have to offer.
- Visits are not a compulsory part of the admissions process and will not affect decisions on whether a place can be offered. If you would like to visit us, you should contact the school to make an appointment. Our Administrator is contactable on 01548 821352.
- Stay and play settling sessions are offered and tailored to suit the child & family needs as much as possible. Relevant information is shared between parent and staff to ensure smooth transition into Preschool.
- Most children will start at the preschool at the start of the term. Other children join us at other times. This may be because they are new to the area or would like to transfer from another early year's provider. However, if we have places available and an application is submitted, we will offer a place.

Before you apply

- If your child is almost two or has had their second birthday - before making an application, please check your eligibility for Early Learning for 2-year-olds funding (ELF2) here.
- You can use the same link to check if you are entitled to a Free School Meal.
- If you are a working parent, please check your eligibility for the working entitlement funding (30 hours) through the Childcare Checker
- Evidence of eligibility will be checked before an offer of a place is made.

- Please check to see if you can get extra funding to support your child in our Preschool through Early Years Pupil Premium funding before making an application for a place. Ask the school office for an EYPP Declaration form if you receive benefits or for the EYPP Children in Care form if your child is in care, adopted or under a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
- If you need more childcare than the funded entitlement allows, you can set up a childcare account to benefit from Tax Free Childcare.

How to apply for a Preschool place

- You must complete both the **Application Form** and the **Parent Declaration Form** and return them to the school.
- These forms are available as appendix at the end of this policy or as hard copies from the school office.
- If you would like help completing the forms, please mention this to the school office or to someone in the Preschool.
- Please provide evidence of your child's date of birth and address when you apply for a place. If you, or your child, has an exceptional medical or social need please, provide a letter from a professional to accompany your application.
- If there are places immediately available your child may be able to start right away.
- If there are no places available and if there is also a waiting list for places; this may particularly be the case for children starting in September, the following dates will be in place so we can manage the applications.
- The closing dates for applications for the Preschool intake are 1 April, 1 July and 1 January. You can apply after these dates, but your application may not be considered until after all the applications that were on time.
- If you couldn't apply before because, for instance, you moved to this area, you should make sure that you inform the school. If the reason for applying after the closing date is accepted, your application will be considered at the same time as everyone who did apply on time if this is still possible.
- No places will be held in reserve for a child who applies late; the Preschool cannot hold places empty if another child applies for admission. We will publicise the need to apply on our website but the responsibility for making an application will be with you as the parent.

Information provided in an application

- Please complete your application fully and honestly. It is important that where we offer places to some and refuse others, we do so fairly and consistently. Where we have reason to believe that information is false and has been provided knowingly, we may withdraw the offer of a place. This is particularly relevant where an address is given which is not the one from which a child will actually attend Preschool, and this disadvantages another child.
- If you know or believe that your child's address will change before admission, you must inform the school as this may affect your application.

What happens next

- If there are fewer applications than places, then no application will be refused. Only if there are more applications than there are places available will the governing body/ trustees prioritise applications according to the oversubscription criteria.
- We do not consider the sessions requested when prioritising who should have a place.
- We will endeavour to give the hours requested on the Parent Declaration Form. It is inevitable, however, that some parents will not get the hours they have requested. In these instances, we will offer times (days/hours/weeks) that fall closest to the hours requested.
- By 1 May, 1 October, and 1 February we will contact successful parents to welcome them to the Preschool and to plan for your child to start.
- You will also be contacted if we do not have a place available so that you can apply to another provider.

Overview of the Admissions Process

Visit the Preschool:	**Spring term**	**Summer term**	**Autumn term**
Apply by:	1 May	1 September	1 January
Admissions panel meet:	May	September	January

Receive a letter about your application before:	May half term	October half term	February half term
Reply to the letter:	within 2 weeks to accept a place (or if you wish, to ask why you did not get a place).	within 2 weeks to accept a place (or if you wish, to ask why you did not get a place).	within 2 weeks to accept a place (or if you wish, to ask why you did not get a place).
Start at Preschool **(or at the start of term closest to that month)**	September Autumn Term	January Spring term	April Summer term

Published Preschool Admissions Number (PNAN)

- This is the number of places we intend to make available in our Preschool.
- Once we set this number, we will not refuse admission for applications below the PNAN. If there is unexpectedly high demand for places and we could admit more children, we will endeavour to take more children - above the PNAN, or we will increase the PNAN.
- The number of children that can be admitted will depend on their age, the amount of floor space we have and whether additional staff will be required.
- If there is a change to the PNAN part way through the year this will be published on the school website.
- If there is an increase in the demand for places, we may decide to increase the PNAN to accommodate children on the waiting list and conversely reduce the PNAN if there is a very low demand.

The table below sets out our PNAN for September 2026– September 27

The maximum number of 3 and 4-year-old children that will be admitted at any one time is:	24

- Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available the Admissions Committee will use the following oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications for both funded and bought hours:

PRESCHOOL ADMISSIONS OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

To be used when the number of applications exceeds the number of sessions available in the Preschool for all ages of children.

A child with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school or Preschool will be admitted [11].

i. Looked after Children [12] and children who were previously Looked After but immediately after being Looked After became subject to an adoption order, a child arrangements order (CAO), or a special guardianship order (SGO) [13] including those who were in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were adopted.

ii. Priority will next be given to children or parents with an exceptional medical or social need [14] to attend this Preschool.

iii. Priority will next be given to children who live in the schools designated area and are eligible for Early Learning for 2 -year-olds (ELF2) funding or Early Years Pupil Premium or Disability Access Funding.

iv. Priority will next be given to children who live within the schools designated area and whose parents are eligible for the working entitlement.

v. Priority will next be given to children who live in the schools designated area who have a sibling at the school or Preschool.

vi. Priority will next be given to all other children who live in the schools designated area.

vii. Priority will next be given to children who live outside of the schools designated area with a sibling at the school or Preschool.

viii. Priority will next be given to children who live outside the schools designated area who are eligible for Early Learning for 2-year-olds (ELF2) funding, Early Years Pupil Premium or Disability Access Funding.

ix. Priority will next be given to the children of members of staff who have been employed at this school for at least two years or who were recruited within the last two years to fill a vacancy for which there is a skills shortage.

x. Other children.

[12] These children are Looked After by or provided with accommodation in the exercise of its functions (see the Children act 1989 section 22 (1)) by a Local Authority.

[13] These children meet the eligibility criteria for targeted two-year-old funding and for Early Years Pupil Premium.

[14] Evidence from a medical specialist or social worker must be provided.

Waiting lists

- Following the allocation of Preschool places the school will retain a waiting list. Waiting lists will be kept in order of the oversubscription criteria. Places on lists will not be prioritised according to how long a child's name has been on that list or by the age of the child or by whether the sessions are funded or bought. It is possible that a child's name could go down on a list as well as up.
- If a place is only available for a short period of time, i.e., half a term or less, then the school will discuss with the parent whether it would be in the child's best interest to attend the Preschool for such a short period of time before having to find a place at another provider. Continuity and consistency of care is most important in the early years and having lots of transitions can be disruptive for a child.
- Parents with children that are not due to start within the next two terms, will be asked to complete the Note of Interest form for a place (Appendix 3) and told when they should apply.

Admission appeals

- If a Preschool place is refused, you can go through the trust's complaints process to express your concerns. The trustees will review the decision and decide whether the refusal was justified on the grounds that the Preschool is full. Even if it is agreed that the Preschool was full, the panel will consider the impact of the decision on your child and family and may still award a place at the Preschool if there are both the physical space and sufficient staff available.

Transport

- No transport is available for Preschool children.

Uniform

- Children are not expected to wear a uniform.

Claiming the Early Years Funding

- Early Years Funding can be taken at more than one provider; you cannot use providers on more than two sites in one day. Each provider claims the funding on your behalf based on the sessions that have been booked and up to the amount that you are eligible to have.
- It is important that everyone can clearly see what time is taken as funded and what time is being bought.
- You must not claim more than you are entitled to receive, checks are carried out to ensure that over claims are not made.

Changes to attendance

- Changes to the times that your child attends will generally be agreed with the school.
- The oversubscription criteria will be applied to both a) and b) below to determine within each list which children should be given priority for the unfilled sessions.

a) Children already attending the Preschool wishing to increase, decrease or change the times attending.

b) New applications from parents whose child does not yet attend the Preschool and are on the prioritised waiting list.

- It is expected that you will ensure that your child attends at the times agreed so that a good routine can be established.

Induction and transition arrangements

Before a child is due to join our Preschool, they (along with their parents) are invited to come to meet the staff and to be given some initial information including a 'Preschool Welcome Pack' (containing important information about the Preschool routines and the Early Years Foundation Stage) and the dates their children are due to start. At this meeting, dates will be arranged for additional drop-in sessions which will support the transition process and familiarise the children with the Preschool environment. The

Preschool staff will also consult with parents about children whether or not a 'staggered' start would be preferable. A decision will be made to meet the needs of individual children and families. Experience has shown us that children's transition into Preschool has been most successful when we are able to work together in this way.

Contacts and further information

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Social media:	https://www.facebook.com/diptfordcofeprimaryschool

Appendix One

School Nursery Application Form

September 1st, 2026 – August 31st, 2027

This form should be read in conjunction with our **Schools Nursery Admissions Policy.** This application form can be downloaded from our school website or please contact the school office if you would like a hard copy. If you cannot attach evidence to this application, you can bring it to the school office to be checked instead.

Before completing your application, check what funding your child can get:

Childs age	Use this link to see if you get it	Type of funding
3 & 4 year olds	Childcare Checker	**The universal entitlement** 15 hours childcare for all families
9 months to starting school		**The working entitlement** You will get an 11-digit code if eligible 30 hours childcare for eligible working families
2- 3 year olds		**Early Learning for 2 Year Olds (ELF2)** Check and apply here: Citizens Portal 15 hours early learning for families
Any age 0-4	Citizens Portal	Check and apply for **Free School Meals** **IMPORTANT:** If you are eligible your child must attend before and after the lunch time. This usually means **all day**. ***Remember this when you choose your sessions.***
Any age 0-4	Ask school for an application form	**Early Years Pupil Premium** Only apply for a child if they ✓ Are **in care** to another local authority (not Devon) or ✓ Have **left care** subject to an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangement order.

Any age 0-4	Ask school for an application form	**Disability Access Funding** This is a grant given each year to providers to help children with disabilities get the best support during their early education. You can apply to get disability access funding if your child receives Disability Living Allowance for children **and** one of the following: ✓ 15 hours free childcare for children aged 3 and 4 ✓ 15 hours funded education and childcare for 2 year olds if you get extra support ✓ 15 hours free childcare for children aged 9 months to 2 years of working parents

Section A: Details about your child

Forename(s):	
Last name/Family name:	
Home address with postcode: *Where the child normally lives. If you expect to move from this address before starting at the nursery, you must let us know as this may affect your application.*	
New address if moving, with postcode:	
Moving date:	
Date of birth:	
Which most accurately describes your child?	**Boy/ Girl/ I prefer not to say/ Let me type:**
Is your child in the Care of a Local Authority or was your child in the Care of a Local Authority before immediately being adopted or made the subject of a Child Arrangements Order (CAO) or a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)?	**No** **Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office)

If yes, which Local Authority? **Please tell us the name and contact details of the supporting social worker or agency.**	**Local Authority:** **Social Worker/agency:** **Email:** **Phone Number:** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office)
Does your child have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), is undergoing a statutory assessment, receive Disability Living Allowance or have a disability?	**No** **Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office)
Is your child a multiple birth child – a twin or a triplet etc? Please complete a separate form for each child.	**No** **Yes**

Section B: Details about you

Forename(s):	
Last name/Family name:	
Home address and postcode (if different from your child's):	
Daytime telephone number:	
Email address:	
What is your relationship to this child?	eg. Mum, Dad, Foster Carer
Do you have parental responsibility (PR) for this child?	**No** (I have attached evidence that someone with PR is happy for me to make the application on their behalf.) **Yes**
Is this child subject to a private fostering arrangement?	**No** **Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office)

Is there a court order in place that might affect this application?	**No** **Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office)

Section C:

When would you like your child to start? You may be able to start immediately if you have moved into the area or if you have just become eligible for funding and we have places available.	☐ **Autumn Term (September)** ☐ **Spring Term (January)** ☐ **Summer Term (April)** ☐ **Immediately**
Do you believe there is an Exceptional Need for your child to attend this school and ONLY this school? *The need could be of the child, a parent or both.*	**No** **Yes** (Evidence from a social care or health professional is attached / I will bring evidence to the office)
Are you selecting this school because this is the child of a member of staff working there?	**No** **Yes** The member of staff is:
Do you believe this child is eligible for priority for this nursery because you have another child at the school?	**No** **Yes** Brother/sisters name: Brother/sisters date of birth: If you have more than one child at the school, please name the eldest.
Is the child eligible for Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds Funding (ELF2)?	**Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office) **No** **I don't know**

Is the child eligible for a Free School Meal?	**Yes** (Evidence attached / I will bring evidence to the office) **No** **I don't know**
Is the child eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding?	**Yes** **No** **I don't know**
Is the child eligible for funding because you are a working parent?	**Yes** (Evidence attached/I will bring evidence to the office: please delete) **No** **Don't know.**
Do you want to split your funded entitlement between two different providers?	**Yes** **No** **I don't know**
Does your child already attend a childcare provider?	**Yes** **No**
If yes, which provider/s and will the child continue to attend that/those provisions if offered a place?	

State the times when you wish to attend. This will not impact on whether a place is available. Please choose from the sessions that we offer in the box below.

Our 'offer' is:	Morning 9am -12pm Afternoon 12pm -3pm All day	Morning 9am -12pm Afternoon 12pm -3pm All day	Morning 9am -12pm Afternoon 12pm -3pm All day	Morning 9am -12pm Afternoon 12pm -3pm All day

Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				

Section D: Declaration and Signature

I understand I must inform the school if my child's circumstances change before admission.

- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide supporting evidence of eligibility for funding and priority admission for social or medical reasons if I was not able to attach it to this form.
- I understand that I must provide evidence of the child's date of birth and address.
- I have read or, had the opportunity to read, the schools nursery admissions policy.
- I understand that I can contact the school to resolve any queries throughout the application process.

I confirm that the details provided are accurate:

Applicant's signature:	
Date:	

Please return this completed form to the school where you would like a place for your child.

Privacy and Data Protection

Your personal data is being used by the school for the purposes of an application for admission to the nursery. We undertake to ensure your personal data will only be used in accordance with our privacy notice which can be accessed at through our school website. Please confirm that you give your consent to the school using your personal data as outlined in our privacy notice, by signing below.

Applicant's signature:	
Date:	

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Should you wish to withdraw consent, please contact our school office admindiptford@thelink.academy.

If you wish to exercise any of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, please contact the schools Data Protection Officer, Susan Stansfield, at dpo@@thelink.academy

For school use only:		
Evidence checked	**Date Seen/ NA**	**Follow up needed**
DOB		
Adoption/SGO/CAO Order		
LAC		
PR consent given if required		
Social care or health professional evidence of exceptional need		
Private Fostering Arrangement		
FSM eligible		
ELF2 eligible		
Working parent eligible for funding		
EHCP/Undergoing Assessment/Disability/ DLA		
Other Relevant Court Order/s		

Appendix Two

Parent Declaration Form

Diptford C of E Primary School Preschool

To claim the Early Years Funding, parents must complete and sign this Declaration Form **for each Devon provider that your child attends.**

1. Child's details (to be completed by the parent/carer)

Child's Legal Surname:	**Child's Legal Forename/s:**
Name by which the child is known (if different from above):	
Date of Birth: **Gender:**	**DD/MM/YYYY** **Girl / Boy/ Prefer not to say**
Address: **Postcode:**	
Child's date of birth checked by: **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	**Name of staff member:** **Date checked:**
Type of evidence provided by parent/carer: **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	**Birth certificate – number:** **Passport – number:** **Other please state & include number:**
Child's date of birth as per evidence: **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	
Language spoken at home:	

Please TICK all that apply to your child: ***This data is needed for the Early Years Census and the Schools Census returns.***

What is your child's ethnic group?	
White	**If you ticked this go to Box 2**
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	**If you ticked this go to Box 3**
Asian or Asian British	**If you ticked this go to Box 4**

Black, African, Caribbean, or Black British	**If you ticked this go to Box 5**
Other ethnic group	**If you ticked this go to Box 6**
Prefer not to say	

BOX 2

Which of the following best describes your White background?	
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	
Irish	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	
Any other White background	
Prefer not to say	

BOX 3

Which of the following best describes your Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups background?	
White and Black Caribbean	
White and Black African	
White and Asian	
Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background	
Prefer not to say	

BOX 4

Which of the following best describes your Asian or Asian British background?	
Indian	
Pakistani	
Bangladeshi	
Chinese	
Any other Asian background	
Prefer not to say	

BOX 5

Which of the following best describes your Black, African, Caribbean, or Black British background?	
African	
Caribbean	
Any other Black, African, or Caribbean background	
Prefer not to say	

BOX 6

Which of the following best describes your background?	
Arab	
Any other ethnic group	
Prefer not to say	

2. Parent/Carer details

Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)	
Full Name:	
Date of Birth: **DD/MM/YYYY**	
Address: **Postcode:**	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Relationship to the child:	**Mother** **Father** **Grandmother** **Grandfather** **Foster carer** **Other, please state:**
Do you have parental responsibility?	

3. Information needed to claim targeted two-year-old funding

Eligibility Message from the Citizens Portal checked: **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	**Name of staff member:** **Date of check:**
Copy of eligibility message taken **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	**Screenshot** **Photo** **Other please state:**
Citizen Portal Application Reference: **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	**TYF 878** - ___ ___ ___ ____ - ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ____
Eligible Start Date: **DD/MM/YYYY** **SCHOOL TO COMPLETE**	

4. Working entitlements

Parent/Carer National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number (if applicable): **Parent/Carer DOB**	__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ --/--/----
Eligibility code: (11 digits)	**501** — — — — — — — — — **11**— — — — — — — — — **400** – - - - - - - -

5. My child is attending the following Providers:

You need to complete a Declaration Form with each provider your child attends to ensure that funding is paid fairly between them.

Your child can attend providers on a maximum of two sites in a single day. Please check with a provider if you are unsure what you can claim. If your child attends more than one provider and there is an overclaim, the funding will be fairly split between the providers.

Please tell us which providers you are attending and circle the term that this relates to

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Setting name:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total no. of hours per week	Total weekly charge	No. of weeks per year (e.g. 38, 45, 51)
Total funded entitlement hours attended per day							N/A	
Total extra (chargeable) hours per day								
Total daily hours attended								

If your child is splitting their funded entitlement across more than one setting, please nominate their main setting:

To fill in if your child attends more than one setting:

Total funded entitlement hours attended per day

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total no. of hours per week
Setting name:						
Setting name:						

To note: the maximum number of funded hours your child can receive is:

1) for early learning for 2-year-olds: 15 hours a week for across 38 weeks of the year (570 hours a year).

2) for all 3- and 4-year-olds: 15 hours a week across 38 weeks of the year (570 hours a year).

3) for children aged from 9 months to 4 years old of eligible working parents: 30 hours a week across 38 weeks of the year (1,140 hours a year). For children aged 2 to 4 years, this can be combined with either of the above entitlements to a maximum of 30 hours.

6. Additional funding that may be available for your child

To be completed with assistance from your chosen provider(s). Please tick which entitlement(s) you will be using. If your child is 2 years old and eligible for both entitlements, your provider must use the early learning for 2-year-olds funding first.

☐ Early learning for 2-year-olds:
- If parents/carers live in England and are in receipt of certain benefits,
- If a child is looked after by a local authority, has an EHC plan, gets Disability Living Allowance or has left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.

☐ Universal entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds.

☐ Working parent entitlement for children from 9 months old

Your provider could receive extra funding for your child if certain criteria are met, please opt in by ticking the below boxes if they apply to you or your child:

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is used to help providers to make reasonable adjustments in their settings, either to support an individual child, or for the benefit of all children attending the setting.

For more information on Disability Access Funding

Is your child entitled to the Disability Living Allowance? Ticking yes will enable your chosen provider to receive the DAF.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is paid to childcare providers to provide extra support for your child. EYPP can be used to improve teaching and learning facilities and resources to impact positively on your child's progress and development. Ticking yes to the questions may enable your chosen provider to receive the EYPP.
For more information on Early Years Pupil Premium

Are you in receipt of Universal Credit?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your child currently looked after by a local authority/have they ever been looked after by a local authority in England or Wales?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an asylum seeker receiving support under Part Six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Free School Meals

If you are using a nursery class in a school your child may be able to have a free school meal. Your child must attend both before and after the lunchtime period as well as meet the qualifying criteria. Please apply through the **Citizens Portal**.

General Data Protection Regulation Consent Form

Your personal data is being used by Diptford C of E Primary School for the purposes of claiming early years funding from Devon County Council. We undertake to ensure your personal data will only be used in accordance with our privacy notice which can be accessed via the school website.

The information provided will be shared with Devon County Council (DCC) who may share it with the Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions, neighbouring Local Authorities, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and other funded providers that your child attends to confirm their eligibility and enable Diptford C of E Primary School to claim early years funding on behalf of your child.

For more details read Devon County Council Privacy Notices.

Please confirm that you give your consent to Diptford C of E Primary School using your personal data as outlined in our privacy notice, by completing the details below.

I give my consent for Diptford C of E Primary School to use my personal data as outlined in their privacy notice.

Signed:

Print name:

Date of consent:

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Should you wish to withdraw consent please contact the administrator at Diptford C of E Primary School on 01548 821352.

If you wish to exercise any of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulations, please contact our Data Protection Officer Susan Stansfield DPO@thelink.academy. For more details visit our website.

Providers should keep this form to enable them to claim funding through the Provider Portal.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IT TO DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Any changes made during the academic year:

DATE	CHANGE MADE (if any)	SIGNED BY PARENT

Appendix three

Note of Interest for a Preschool Place

You can complete this form if your child is not yet old enough for you to make a preschool application.

We will send the Registration Form via email when you need to apply.

Please check your eligibility for the **working parent's entitlement** on the Childcare Checker and for **Early Learning for 2 year olds (ELF2)** and **Free School Meals** on the Citizens Portal. You will be asked to provide evidence of eligibility with the nursery application form.

Childs Details
First name:
Last name:
Date of birth:

Siblings Name/s (brothers and sisters who come to this school)
First name:
Last name:
Date of birth:

First name:
Last name:
Date of birth:

First name:
Last name:

Date of birth:

Parent/Guardians Details
First name:
Last name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Relationship to the child:

Privacy and Data Protection

Your personal data is being used by us because you have showed an interest in applying for a place in our school preschool when your child is old enough. We undertake to ensure your personal data will only be used in accordance with our privacy notice which can be accessed via the school website. Please confirm that you give your consent to the School using your personal data as outlined in our privacy notice, by signing below.

Applicant's signature:	
Date:	

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Should you wish to withdraw consent, please contact the school administrator on 01548 821352 or adminDiptford@thelink.academy
If you wish to exercise any of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, please contact the schools Data Protection Officer, Susan Stansfield, at DPO@thelink.academy

Appendix four

Diptford CofE Primary School

Chargeable extras template:

Our Preschool is open Monday – Friday 8:45am – 3:15pm, **term time only**. Our sessions are 9am – 12pm (3 hours) or 12pm – 3pm (3 hours), or a full day 8:45am – 3:15pm (6.5 hours). Parents are welcome to use their 15 or 30 hours funded sessions across the week. If your child does a full week, this will be 32.5 hours per week and you would need to pay for 2.5 hours. Prices are below.

Description	Unit	Unit price	Line total
Free entitlement hours –15/30 hours per week (must not have a charge). **15 hours are provided to all parents. Some parents are entitled to 30 hours working entitlement**	Weekly during **term time only**	Free	Free
Additional hours purchased above funding entitlement or if not entitled to funding	Hourly	£5	Depends on number of hours
School lunch	Daily - Per meal	£2.70	Depends on number of meals
Any trips arranged for Preschool that incur a cost, would be advised by parents, giving at least 4 weeks notice	Ad Hoc	Ad Hoc	Depends on price of trip

We do accept Childcare Vouchers or Tax Free Childcare vouchers

(If you do not wish to pay for specific consumables, for example because you wish to provide your own, please make your nursery aware so next steps can be discussed.)