



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Free early learning for eligible two-year-olds at St Mark's Primary School**

St Mark's School will soon be opening an exciting new centre for two-year-olds. We are hoping to open the new provision in November 2015.

Eligible children are entitled to a FREE part-time place, beginning the term after the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. At St Mark's we will be offering morning or afternoon sessions, 15 hours per week.

The places are funded by the government. You may be eligible for a place if **your child turns 2 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014** and one or more of the following criteria apply:

- You receive Income Support
- You receive Working Tax Credit and you earn no more than **£16,190** a year
- You receive Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- You receive Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- You receive support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- You receive the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Your child receives Disability Living Allowance
- Your child has special educational needs and/or a disability
- Your child has been adopted from local authority care
- Your child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order

If you think you might be eligible please complete the eligibility check form online at:

[www.islington.gov.uk/free2](http://www.islington.gov.uk/free2)

If your child turns 2 between 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 you may also be eligible to start in January.

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Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day  
**St Mark's Church of England  
Primary School**

Once you receive a letter or email from the council confirming that you are eligible, you can put your child's name down for a place at St Mark's Primary School.

Children will receive high-quality early education and be cared for by qualified staff in a warm and nurturing environment that is just right for two-year-olds.

Please note: all children who attend the school as two-year-olds will be guaranteed a place in the school's nursery class from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. However, there is no guarantee of a Reception class place at the school. All families need to apply separately for a school place through the Islington school admissions process.

If you have any questions about the free early learning scheme, please have a look at the website [www.islington.gov.uk/free2](http://www.islington.gov.uk/free2) or contact:

Islington Family Information Service  
020 7527 5959  
[fis@islington.gov.uk](mailto:fis@islington.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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