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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Information about 30 hours extended entitlement to childcare

We are sending this letter to parents with children aged 3 years or 4 years old.

From September 2017, the government is introducing an extended entitlement to childcare for eligible 3 and 4 year old children. The current universal entitlement for all 3 and 4 year old children is for up to 15 hours early education and childcare per week (570 hours per year) and will be doubled to 30 hours per week (1140 hours per year).

To receive this extended entitlement, parents must register and check if they are eligible and receive their eligibility code before the start of term.

Parents must register at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

- **Please apply before 14th August 2017 to allow time for your application to be processed by the government website. If you do not have your eligibility code before the 1st of September you will not be able to access 30 hours extended entitlement that term.**
- **If you have already applied and received your code, please check that it does not expire before the 31st August. If it does please log in to your account and reaffirm your eligibility.**

More information about the 30 hours extended entitlement is available at www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours

Eligibility criteria can be found on the back of this letter.

Yours sincerely
Early Years project Team

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1. Eligibility Criteria

- both parents must be working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or living wage, and less than £100,000 per year
- working will include employed and self-employed persons
- in general families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will not be eligible for these additional hours
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave
- both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay
- one parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring or one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits

2. Childcare Services Account is a single on-line application for 30 hours Funded Childcare and Tax Free Childcare. Tax Free Childcare is a new UK wide government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare. For more information - www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

3. Where can my child have a place?

Nursery schools and classes, private day nurseries, preschools, childminders, independent schools and before and after school clubs

4. When can my child have a place?

Your child can start the term after their third birthday

A child turns 3 between	Free Place From
1st September to 31st December	Start of January (Spring Term)
1st January to 31st March	Start of Easter (Summer Term)
1st April to 31st August	Start of September (Autumn Term)

You can search for childcare providers near you at:

www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare