



## Freshfield Nursery School

### Information on: up to 30 hours entitlement and How to Apply

All families with a 3 and 4 year old child will still be eligible for the universal offer of free early education of up to 15 hours a week term time or a total of 570 hours taken throughout the year.

Some children will be eligible for extended childcare from this date, which is up to 30 hours a week term time or a total of 1140 hours taken throughout the year.

#### **You will be eligible for up to 30 hours funding, if the criteria below apply to you:**

- 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

### How to Apply

Apply for a 15 hours place as usual via [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk) and click “apply for” and “nursery admissions”. You can check what help you could get with childcare costs and an indication as to your eligibility for 30 hours free childcare via the portal [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

**Register and apply for a childcare service account. If eligible you will be issued with a code which you need to send to school and renew on a termly basis.**

### The Online Portal

- Parents will be able to apply for both [Tax Free Childcare](#) and 30 hour free childcare through a joint application system. It will provide a simple journey for all parents and because the criteria are similar, it will avoid the need to provide the same information twice
- parents will be expected to inform HM Revenue and Customs of any change in circumstance that may affect their eligibility
- if eligibility changes there is a proposed grace period – this is intended to enable children to keep their place if parents become ineligible. More detail will be available about the grace period