



Tuesday 6th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to confirm that your child may be eligible for the 30 hours funding from the 16th April 2018.

Who is eligible?

The 30-hour entitlement is available to 3 and 4-year-olds of working parents who meet the earnings criteria. To qualify, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) will need to earn, on average, at least the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage or national living wage per week which will be £120 per week from April 2017 for people aged 25 and over, and no more than £100,000 per year.

Self-employed parents and parents on a zero-hour contract will be eligible if they meet the average earnings criteria.

Families where one parent is not in paid employment or neither parent works will not be eligible. There are exceptions for parents who are on parental, maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave.

Parents who are studying or in training will not be eligible unless combined with paid work which meets the minimum average earnings threshold.

However, parents will be eligible where one parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or has a disability and the other parent is working. Single parents who are disabled or have substantial caring responsibilities will not be eligible.

If parents are separated, eligibility requirements will apply to the parent with whom the child 'normally lives', and any partners of parents will also have to meet them.

Parents must apply for both the 30-hour entitlement or the Tax-Free Childcare scheme through a joint online system administered by HMRC, as the eligibility requirements for both schemes are the same. Parents will be required to reconfirm their eligibility every three months by making a declaration that they expect their earnings to fall within the required threshold. Parents who make inaccurate or dishonest declarations can be fined between £300 and £3000.

If you think you are eligible for the 30 hours funding, please apply as soon as is possible using the HMRC website.

You can confirm your eligible by visiting www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

When parents receive confirmation of their eligibility from HMRC, they will receive a code to give to My Little Barn Owls who will then be required to confirm the validity of this code through the Providers Portal' of FEEC Kirklees Funding Team.

The Department of Education would like parents to be able to access any funded hours between 6am and 8pm to provide greater flexibility for parents.

However, there is no mandatory pattern of delivery set by the Department of Education and it will be up to settings themselves to decide when they offer parents funded hours. Settings can also decide how many funded hours they offer per week.

My Little Barn Owls has decided that as from 1st September 2017 that we shall be providing the Early Years and Extended Entitlement 'stretched' across the 52 weeks per year that we operate.

Unlike some other nurseries in the area we will still be offering places term-time only to parents who only wish to take up a funded place and shift patterns.

This will mean that from September 2017 should a child wish to use their Early Years and Extended Entitlement here at My Little Barn Owls they will be able to claim 22 hours a week for the full 51 weeks a year which we are open.

For those parents wishing to access more flexible childcare provision suitable to most working parents we shall offer the following attendance patterns: -

Stretched: 22 hours per week

A minimum of three 10-hour days bookable between 7 am and 6 pm per day. e.g. 7 am 5pm, 7:30am till 5:30pm or 8am till 6pm, Mondays to Fridays.

This equals 22 funded hours a week with an additional charge for the remain 8 hours (full day session and the '**Additional Service**' of £4.50 This is only charged for 2 days as the 3rd day is only part funded so there will be no charge for consumables.

Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch.

Stretched: 11 hours per week (51 weeks)

- 5.5 hours over 2 days between 7am till 6pm with '**Additional Service**'(price depending on session booked, see page 5).
- 4 hours over 3 days between 7am till 6pm with '**Additional Service**' (price depending on session booked, see page 5).
- 2.5 hours over 5 days between 7am till 6pm with '**Additional Service**'(price depending on session booked, see page 5).

Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch

Non-Stretched: 15 Hours per week (38 weeks)

A minimum of five, 5-hour sessions bookable between 7am and 6pm per day. e.g. 7 am - 12pm, 8am –1pm, 9am till 2pm or 1pm - 6pm with an 'Additional **Service**' (price depending on session booked, see page 5).

For those parents wishing to access a **100% free space** without our '**Additional Service**' charge. We shall be offering;

Non-Stretched: 15/30 Hours per week (38 Weeks)

- For 30 hours **ONLY** - 8:45am to 11:45am then 12:45pm-3:45pm Monday to Friday (6 hours x 5 days.)

For 15 hours **ONLY** - 8:45am to 11:45am then 1pm till 3pm (5 hours x 3 days) or AM Session 8:30am –11:30am or PM Session 1pm till 3pm (3 hours x 5 days.)

Stretched: 30 hours ONLY 22 hours per week (52 weeks)

- 9:00am to 11:30am then 13:00pm-3:00pm Monday to Friday (4.5 hours x 5 days.)

Stretched: For 15 hours ONLY - 11 hours per week (52 weeks)

- 9am till 11:30am **or** 1pm till 3:30pm Monday to Friday (2.5 hours x 5 days.).
- 9:00am - 11:00am then 1pm - 3pm (4hrs hours x 3 days).
- 8:45am till 11:45am then 1pm - 3:30pm Monday to Friday (5.5 hours x 2 days) Monday to Friday.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Kirklees Information and Eligibility Check Consent Form. Once you obtained your code please could you complete the form and return it back to the setting.

My Little Barn Owls appreciates this may all be a lot of information and a little confusing so please feel free to contact me, so I can answer any questions or queries you have.

I am in the office Tuesday to Friday 8am till 5:30pm if you would like to pop in and see me.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Thomas
(Managing Director)