



## **Nursery Offer September 2017**

From September 2017 the entitlement to funded childcare for 3 and 4 year old children is changing. The Government are introducing a new policy to provide up to 30 hours free childcare for eligible families.

### **What does Arden currently offer?**

All 3 and 4 year old children will still be eligible for the universal entitlement to free early education for 15 hours a week term time. At our nursery we offer this in two ways:

Option 1: All morning sessions 8:45 – 11:45

Option 2: All afternoon sessions 12:30 – 15:30

Option 3: All morning sessions plus top up of additional afternoon sessions at a charge of £12:00 per session.

### **What will Arden offer from September?**

We will be able to offer extended free entitlement to some of our families who are eligible. Parents will choose their preferred option for the universal 15 hours as above, and then can register interest for the additional 15 hours. The school will allocate the universal free 15 hours first and then allocate spaces for the extended free entitlement.

These additional hours can be taken in the following ways at our nursery:

Afternoon sessions from 11:45 – 14:15 with the option of topping up to 15:30 with the additional cost of £3:45 per top up session.

The extended free entitlement hours can also be taken to include before and after school care provision with the on-site private provider Playtime Kids Club.

We will also still offer the provision to purchase top up sessions for the families that do not qualify for the extended free entitlement.

### **Who is eligible?**

Please see the information leaflet from Stockport which has further details.

### **What do I need to do next?**

The process for admissions to the universal entitlement to 15 hours early education will remain the same. Applications for our Nursery are administered through the Stockport Council website which can be found [here](#).

You will check yourself for eligibility for the extended 15 hour entitlement via an on line portal (still being developed by the Department for Education). If eligible, you source the additional childcare yourself by contacting school or alternative providers.



More information can be found here [www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours)

The Government have launched a new website for parents called 'Childcare Choices' which gives them information about what help you can get with childcare costs. On this website parents can sign-up for email alerts to let you know when 30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free Childcare are available so please take a look at the website and sign up for the alerts. [Childcare Choices](#)