



# The Sue Hedley Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, from September 2017 the government increased free Nursery Education to 30 hours a week (for up to 38 weeks a year). However, this increase will only be available to families who meet certain criteria.

The additional 15 hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family) and each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW), and less than £100,000 per year.

Working will include employed and self-employed persons. Parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hours a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours work at NMW or NLW, which is £107 a week at the current NMW rate. This includes those parents on zero contract hours who meet the criteria.

Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will usually **not** be eligible for these additional hours. However, the government intends to make provision to support families where one parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or a disability and the other parent is working.

Entitlement should be available in the following circumstances:

- 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.

**NEXT STEPS (Please register for your code as soon as possible and return the form to nursery to secure your child's 30 hour place for January)**

Please go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) website and register. You will need names, addresses, DOB and National Insurance number.

You will be given a unique reference number and a code, this will sent to you in an email.

You must fill in the slip provided with this letter and bring this straight into school so the Local Authority can check your eligibility; a 30 hour place for January 2018 will then be offered.

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South Tyneside Council



Please complete the following:

**You may only tick ONE 'Yes' box below**

I have completed the Childcare Choices check and I am entitled to 15 hours from January 2018. Yes  No

I have completed the Childcare Choices check and I am entitled to 30 hours from January 2018. Yes  No

Our 30 hour groups run Monday – Friday from 9am – 3pm (Lunch to be paid for at £2.10 per day)

The Governors at The Sue Hedley Nursery School will be supplementing the above 15 hour and 30 hour nursery education with a breakfast club which will run Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 9am. This will be staffed by The Sue Hedley Nursery School staff and is a paid provision. Places will need to be booked for the month ahead and costings will follow.

I am interested in accessing breakfast club on the following days:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

The Governors at The Sue Hedley Nursery School are linking up with the Red Roof Kids Club after-school club (Clegwell C.A, Mountbatten Avenue, Hebburn, NE31 2QP). The after-school club will run Monday to Friday 3pm – 6pm; the children will be collected from The Sue Hedley Nursery Club by the staff from the Red Roof Kids Club and you will collect your child from them at the end of the day. Payment for after-school club will be direct to them.

I am interested in accessing after-school club on the following days:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

We are aware that this new offer involves a lot of changes and if you wish to discuss any of the above, or your individual needs, please contact Judith Reay directly in school or on 0191 4287656

Judith Reay  
Headteacher