

## Applying for a Local Authority Nursery Place

If you wish to apply for a place at a local authority nursery school or class please be aware of the following information that is important to know as part of the application process;

- 1) All 3 and 4 year old children will **still** be eligible for the universal entitlement to free early education of up to 15 hours a week, which can be taken over 38 weeks of the year in a nursery school or class. There have been no changes to the process for applying or receiving this universal entitlement.

If you wish to apply for a universal 15 hour free early education place at a private nursery, pre-school or childminder please apply direct to them. You can find all registered early years provision here [www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare)

**By applying on-line here you will be allocated a place for a local authority maintained nursery school or class and your application is for the universal entitlement of 15 hours free early education.**

- 2) You may be **eligible** for the extended 30 hours free childcare. For information on eligibility and how to apply visit [www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours)

If you are eligible for 30 hours you will need to find the additional childcare. You may already use additional childcare and this can continue as shared care. Alternatively you may wish to consider other options such as using a local childminder, day nursery, pre-school or out of school provision. Use this link to check details of provision local to you [www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare)

Schools may also offer the extended entitlement and you need to discuss this with the school directly.