

Welcome to the second Newsletter giving up-to-date information about the Nursery Education Entitlement.

### Update

In September 2009 the first cohort of children in Wiltshire will commence the delivery of the enhanced early year's flexible entitlement of 15 hours a week. 1985 children will receive this offer. 25% of the total cohort.

The list is being finalised and confirmation of the providers chosen will be made through this newsletter and also held by the Family Information Service ask, identifying who and where the increased offer will be delivered.

### Timetable for Changes

Below is the timetable for changes between 2009 and 2010 as approved by the School's Forum in September 2008 which has also been discussed and agreed through your forum, the Early Years Reference Group.

Details of this group can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

- **April 2009** – single counting method of children introduced across all early years entitlement providers. This brings Maintained Nurseries and Private, Voluntary and Independent settings in line.
- **April 2009** – DCSF launch consultation on the New Code of Practice to support the changes – we are awaiting these details.
- **Spring 2009** – finalisation of the list of providers offering the increased offer from September 2009
- **Early Summer 2009** – briefing events for all providers on the changes for September 2009 and 2010
- **Autumn 2009** – Early Years and Childcare team conclude work on single funding formula and approve through Early Years Reference Group and Schools Forum.
- **September 2009** – first group of children eligible for 15 hour offer.
- **September 2009** – hourly funding replaces sessional funding for these children.
- **Spring 2010** – briefing sessions for all providers on the changes for September 2010
- **September 2010** – all children eligible for the 15 hour offer
- **September 2010** – single funding formula introduced across all providers
- **September 2010** – all providers remunerated on actual attendance

## **Briefing Sessions**

To support you the following sessions have been arranged for this year and details are listed. The sessions will update all providers on the changes to the Nursery Education Grant (Free Entitlement) 2009 -2010. To allow all providers to attend we are preparing this sessions 8 times. They aim:

- To explain which providers will be offering 15 hours from September 2009
- To explain the move to hourly funding
- To give all providers an understanding of the new flexibilities of the entitlement
- To discuss the single funding formula and what it means to providers
- To enable all providers to plan for the changes with sufficient notice

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Further briefings will be held in early Spring 2010. Your Childcare Development Officer can help you plan your delivery of the 15 hours in the meantime.

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