

Early Years Funding Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Newsletter giving up-to-date information about the Free Entitlement (Nursery Education Grant)

Update

In September 2009 the first cohort of children in Wiltshire will receive the enhanced early year's flexible entitlement of 15 hours a week.

The Early Years and Childcare Team are currently in the process of identifying the children's providers using Government statistical analysis of the local levels of disadvantage in Wiltshire. Briefing sessions for these providers ran through February to support their planning for this change. The list is currently being finalised and 1985 children will be offered the entitlement. Should any provider on the initial list find that they are not in a position to deliver the enhanced entitlement then a replacement will be sought to enable the Council to fulfil the obligation to reach 25% of children.

Once the list has been finalised, confirmation of the providers chosen will be made through this newsletter 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. This 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

- **Spring 2009** – finalisation of the list of providers offering the increased offer from September 2009
- **April 2009** – DCSF launch consultation on the New Code of Practice to support the changes – we are awaiting these details.
- **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.
- **Early Summer 2009** – briefing events for all providers on the changes for September 2009 and 2010
- **September 2009** – first group of children eligible for 15 hour offer.
- **September 2009** – hourly funding replaces sessional funding for these children.
- **Autumn 2009** – Early Years and Childcare Team conclude work on single funding formula and approve through Early Years Reference Group and Schools Forum.
- **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 below. The sessions will update all providers on the changes to the Free Entitlement (Nursery Education Grant) 2009 -2010. To allow all providers to attend we will be running eight sessions at different times and venues across the county. 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

Trainer: Sarah Clover, Childcare Manager and Childcare Development Team

Date	Venue	Briefing Time
15 June 2009	The Civic Hall St Stephens Place Trowbridge BA14 8AH	2.30pm – 4pm Registration 2.15pm
16 June 2009	Browfort Bath Road Devizes SN10 2AT	4.00pm – 5.30pm Registration 3.45pm
17 June 2009	The Angel Hotel 8 Market Place Chippenham SN15 8HD	2.30pm – 4pm Registration 2.15pm
18 June 2009	Diocesan Education Centre Devizes Road Salisbury SP2 9LY	4.00pm – 5.30pm Registration 3.45pm
22 June 2009	The Civic Hall St Stephens Place Trowbridge BA14 8AH	4.00pm – 5.30pm Registration 3.45pm
23 June 2009	Browfort Bath Road Devizes SN10 2AT	2.30pm – 4pm Registration 2.15pm
24 June 2009	The Angel Hotel 8 Market Place Chippenham SN15 8HD	4.00pm – 5.30pm Registration 3.45pm
29 June 2009	Five Rivers Leisure Centre Hulse Road Salisbury SP1 3NR	2.30pm – 4pm Registration 2.15pm

Please fill out the slip below and return or email Justine Ough at justine.ough@wiltshire.gov.uk

Further information is available on the Wiltshire Council website and in our Partnership Newsletter.

I also enclose some frequently asked questions for you to view in advance of the briefing sessions.

Name of Setting.....

Date of briefing to attend (up to 3 people)..... How many people will attend

Will you need any additional support from the team in preparation for delivering the 15hrs from September 2010? Please comment in the box below

My initial questions/concerns as of today are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Signed.....

Name.....Role in setting.....

Date.....

Please return to Justine Ough:

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No later than 5 working days before briefing session