



## **Seedlings Preschool Finance Fact Sheet**

We hope that this fact sheet will answer any questions you may have about financing your child's place at Seedlings Preschool.

However if you have any other questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Liz Wakeley in the school office or on 01225 703394.

### **30 Hours Funding Information for Parents**

#### **Who Can Get 30 Hours Funding?**

Where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns no more than £100,000 per year or no less than £120 a week (if aged over 25) or no less than £112.80 (if aged between 21 and 24).

A parent will expect (on average) to earn this amount over the coming three months. The eligibility criteria have been designed to accommodate parents with fluctuating incomes and those who are about to start working or increase their hours.

For example, a parent who is on a zero-hours contract will get work some weeks, but not others, and may not know in advance if they will have work in any given week. If, on average they work two weeks out of every three, and when they are working they get 25 hours of work at the minimum wage, their child will qualify for 30 hours of free childcare.

Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will not usually be eligible for the extended entitlement EXCEPT where:

- Both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity, adoption leave, or on statutory sick pay
- One parent is employed and one parent either has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring, or is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits

Parents can be employed or self-employed

#### **When to Apply**

Children may only start accessing the extended entitlement from the term following their third birthday AND the term following receipt of their eligibility code from HMRC, whichever is later. For the purpose of this funding, terms are defined as follows:

Autumn Term : 1 September - 31 December

Spring Term : 1 January - 31 March

Summer Term: 1 April - 31 August

For example, a child who turns three between 1 September and the 31 December will start their extended entitlement from 1 January. Parents are encouraged to apply in the term before their child turns three in order to access a place in the term following their child's third birthday.

#### **Where can I find more information and how to apply?**

Please visit:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-30-hour-parents>

