



## Parent's/Carer's Survey on Extended Early Years Entitlement

Dear Parent/Carer,

From Sept 2010 parents/carers will be entitled to up to 15 hours per week of free early learning and childcare for eligible 3 and 4 year olds for 38 weeks per year. More information on the entitlement can be found on the parents information leaflet (available on request).

To prepare Starcross Pre-school for the changes, we would be grateful if you could complete this short survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes. Please return it to Sue, Pre-School Administrator, by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009**.

If you have more than one eligible child, please fill out an additional form for each child.

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1. Your name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Age of child: \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Number of free hours you **currently** take up per week (please circle one answer)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 12.5

4. How do you **currently** claim your 12.5 hours free entitlement? (please tick the relevant box(es))

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM

5. Do you claim all your free entitlement in one setting (please circle)? YES NO

If **no**, please state why (please tick one box only):

The setting runs less than 5 sessions per week	
The places I/we require are not available at the setting	
To fit into my/our working/studying patterns	
I/we like to use a mixture of settings	
Other reason(s), please state:	

6. Do you **currently** pay for hours or sessions **in addition** to your free entitlement (please circle)? YES NO

If **yes**, please state why (please tick all that apply):

I/we work/study for longer than 12.5 hours per week	
I/we have other commitments (e.g. care of another relative, volunteering) that demand more childcare hours	
For the benefit of the child	
Other (please state):	

7. Is the option to pay for more hours or sessions currently offered by the settings(s) of your choice (please circle)?                      YES    NO

8. How do you think you would like to use the **new extended entitlement** (please rate your top three choices using 1 2 3, where 1 is first choice)?

Increase the length of time attended during the morning (e.g. from 2.5 hours to 3 hours)	
Increase the length of time attended during the afternoon (e.g. from 2.5 hours to 3 hours)	
Take an additional session in the morning	
Drop off child earlier in the morning (between 7am and 9am)	
Take an additional session in the afternoon	
Collect a child later in the afternoon (somewhere between 4pm and 6pm)	
Change a half day into a full day	
To cover the lunch hour	
Have fewer hours per week, but spread them over more than 38 weeks	
I would not be interested in using my additional entitlement	
Other (please state):	

9. Do you think the setting is **flexible** enough for your requirements?

The hours and/or sessions are convenient and suit my needs	
I can choose the hours/sessions I need	
I have to adjust my work or other commitments to fit around the setting	
The hours currently offered limit my ability to work or study	
Other comments:	

10. Please record any further comments you might have about the current or extended entitlement to free early years education and care in this space.

**Thank you for completing this survey.**