Information from the event on 16th February 2016
Feedback from a business manager colleague who attended.

- Schools need to ensure we understand the needs of our parents – we are planning a survey monkey survey to all parents and direct questionnaire to Reception children who did not attend out nursery.
- Whatever we decide our offer will be we need to consider the effect on our parents (and staffing of course) and create offers which protect the levels of children (funding) in our nursery. Parents may choose other provisions in preference to ours if they can offer the full 30 hours plus wraparound, even if eventually they decide to enrol with us for Reception Class.
- It may suit us to collaborate with e.g. other nurseries, schools and even holiday club providers to protect our position. You can find local to you on our website www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare
- Income for Nursery children will be £4.17 per hour for all places.
- Children eligible for 30 hours will be identified by parents who will have an eligibility code that they obtain by registering with HMRC/DWP for a Childcare Services Account. This is soon to be available. Parents bring that code to the school when they know that they have been allocated by admissions a 15 hour place with the school. The LA will not know at the point of application for a nursery place if children are eligible for the 30 hours.
- The LA are looking at ways of linking the information held in SIMS to a new EY portal which will allow schools to enter the 30 hours children and to find out about 30 hours eligibility, EYPP and deprivation. It will also provide information on the amount of funding that the school will receive for the additional hours.
- It may be possible that parents use a school for 30 hours but then also use another provider e.g. summer camp. Parents will be expected to pay for anything over 30 hours. The maximum funding that a child can have per week is up to 30 hours, but parents may wish to take less hours a week depending on their circumstances and what can be offered by the school. This is fine as parents may wish to use holiday care or not want to take up the full amount.
- If parents choose not to take the full 30 hours a week and use the balance in the summer at another provider, this will need to be known by yourselves and recorded in the EY Portal by the other provider. The EY Portal keeps a record of the number of hours taken and where and if there are any duplicates.
- In settings that operate all year round parents may take the 30 hours pro rata.
- Lunch time can be either added into the day or added at the end of the day but if it results in more than 30 hours per week total, it needs to be paid for but cannot be a condition of the free place.
- Schools can choose whatever level of 30 hour provision we like but do we have to commit to a basic level (even if that is none) with Admissions? No you don’t need to commit to a particular fixed offer. But parents will want to know what you can offer. You may want to put on your website that you can offer some places and that parents need to contact you direct to discuss. We and admissions will be informing parents to contact you direct to arrange the additional hours with you or a second provider. Admissions will only ever know and inform you of children that are applying for the first 15 hours There are a couple of things to consider here, you may
wish to use your ability to operate on 1:13 ratios in your nursery class, providing you have space, each child needs 2.3m². Offering additional hours may improve your income in the autumn term when numbers are lower and you may wish to do this and have a lower January intake, obviously this has be balanced against the risk of reducing your nursery numbers.

- You can direct parents to our website for the most up to date information. [www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/30hours)