

Early Years Entitlement

Parent Information Factsheet 2017-2018

2 Year Funding

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Can I have funding for my 2 year old?

The 15 hours entitlement is available for around 40% of 2 year olds nationally. For details of eligibility see Appendix A

How do I know if my child is eligible for funding?

If you think your child may be eligible for two year funding either:

**** [Apply online here](#) ****

or contact the Free School Meals team on 01225 394317. You will need to know your National Insurance number.

If you think you qualify as your child receives Disability Living Allowance or is an adopted child, please call our team on 01225 394317 rather than completing the online application.

How many hours can I have?

2 year funding is for a maximum of 15 hours a week in school term time or less hours per week spread over the year.

Once a child is eligible, when does the 2 year funding start?

You can check your eligibility any time in the term before your child's 2nd birthday. If eligible the funding can start at the beginning of the term after their 2nd birthday.

Where a child is confirmed eligible for 2 year funding part way through a term the funding can start from the date they are confirmed as eligible

Can I backdate my funding if I am eligible?

The funding cannot be backdated before the date you have been issued with a 2 year eligibility code.

Appendix A – 2 Year Eligibility Criteria

- All two year olds who are looked after by their Local Authority are eligible.

Two year olds whose family meets the criteria for Free School Meals (as follows) are also eligible:

- Income Support (and have an annual income of not over £16,190)
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (ESA) (and have an annual income of not over £16,190)

- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) (and have an annual income of not over £16,190)
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual income of not over £16,190

Two year olds who meet the following criteria are also eligible:

- if their families are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of not over £16,190
- if they have left care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order

Two year olds who meet any of the above criteria or one of the following additional criteria will be eligible:

- if they have a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- if they attract Disability Living Allowance

The benefits and earnings criteria for Universal Credit will be confirmed at a later date.

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