



A Parent Guide to 2 year old Funding

Families receiving government support

If you receive any of the following benefits or you are working and on low income as detailed below:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit - if you and your partner are on a low income from work (usually a combined income of less than £15,400 a year after tax)
- guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), AND your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax

You need to apply for an eligibility check to take up a 15 hours' funded place for your two-year old.

For more information and to complete the eligibility check

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/paying-for-childcare/funded-childcare-for-2-year-olds/>

If you do not have access to the internet you can also call the Family Information Service on 0300 123 6712.

Your child is eligible for a place in our 2 year old provision, the term following their 2nd birthday. The table below shows when you can access a place and when to apply so your child can start as soon as they are eligible.

Childs birthday	When you can access a place	When you can apply from
1 April – 31 August	1 September (autumn term)	1 April
1 September – 31 December	1 January (spring term)	1 September
1 Jan – 31 March	1 April (summer term)	1 January

If you meet the criteria you will get a letter or email confirming your eligibility. You will be issued with a golden ticket/Voucher code. School will need a copy of this letter alongside a copy of your child's birth certificate before we can confirm your child's funded place.

Funding will start the term after your child's second birthday. The 15 hours of weekly funding covers school term times only. This is 38 weeks of the year.

You will be asked to sign a parental agreement to confirm the agreed sessions that your child will attend. It is important to note that you will be required to pay for any additional sessions and school meals as outlined in the agreement.