

2 Year Old Funded Place

You could get 15 hours funded a week (across the school year, 38 weeks) with a childcare provider.

Your child will be learning and playing with other children. This could also give you time (15 hours a week) to study or look for work.

Check if you're eligible today using the link below, and registering:

https://admissions.warrington.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE



If you are entitled you should see a green tick on screen and receive an email with a 2 year old **code**. You need to keep the email with the code and take it with you to the childcare provider as evidence of your eligibility.

If you have problems with your application please contact us on **01925 443131** or via email at CHI-EEFTeam@Warrington.gov.uk

Who can get a 2 year old funded place?

You will need to meet one or more of the following criteria for your child to be eligible:

- ▶ Income Support
- ▶ income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- ▶ income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ▶ Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- ▶ tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- ▶ the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ▶ the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- ▶ are looked after by a local authority
- ▶ have an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)
- ▶ get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- ▶ have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

If you're a non-EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits

- ▶ Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting [support under the Immigration and Asylum Act](#) and have either:
 - ▶ [claimed asylum](#) in the UK and are waiting for a decision (known as 'part 6')
 - ▶ been refused asylum in the UK (known as 'section 4')
- ▶ A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have either:
 - ▶ leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on [family or private life grounds](#)
 - ▶ support from your local council because you have 'a child in need', for example they have a disability or a child protection plan
 - ▶ the right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of a British citizen (known as a ['Zambrano Carer'](#))
- ▶ Hong Kong's British Nationals (Overseas) (BN(O)s) granted leave to remain with no recourse to public funds. BN(O)s will also be entitled if the child has SEND, an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or they are a looked after or previously looked after child. For further information on these criteria, please see Help paying for childcare: Help paying for childcare: Free education and childcare for 2-year-olds - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

When can my child start their funded place?

Please see the table below for an explanation of when the place can start.

Child's 2nd Birthday is between	Place will start
1 April - 31 August	From 1 September following their 2nd birthday (depending on when your childcare provider allows funded places to start during this claim period)
1 September - 31 December	From 1 January following their 2nd birthday (depending on when your childcare provider allows funded places to start during this claim period)
1 January - 31 March	From 1 April following their 2nd birthday (depending on when your childcare provider allows funded places to start during this claim period)

