

## Nursery Funding for Two-year-olds

Some two-year-olds in England are entitled to free early education and childcare.

To be eligible for a free two-year-old place, you must receive one of the following benefits or credits:

- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit and have a joint annual income not over £16,190
- Working Tax Credits and have a joint annual income of no more than £16,190
- The Working Tax Credit four-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credits
- Support through part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Your two year old child receives Disability Living Allowance

Children looked after by a local council, such as with foster carers, are also entitled to a free two-year-old place. Children are also eligible if they've been adopted from local authority care or if they have left care under a Special Guardianship Order, Child Arrangements Order or Residence Order.

Please note, even if you have been confirmed as eligible for two year old funding by another local authority, you must still apply for funding with North Yorkshire if you would like to send your child to a North Yorkshire childcare provider.

### Check if your child is eligible

To check if your child is eligible, please use the electronic checking service:

If you have any queries, please contact the families information service on 01609 533483 or email [fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk).

If your child is eligible, you can take up their place from the beginning of the term after their second birthday. The date you can claim will depend on when their birthday is.

Child's birthday	When you can claim
1 January to 31 March	the beginning of term on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	the beginning of term on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	the beginning of term on or after 1 January

Contact your local [children's centre](#) for more information.

If you require additional hours of childcare over and above the free 15 hours you will be able to discuss the charges for this with your childcare provider.

**The above information has been taken from the NYCC website**

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/24354/Early-education-places-and-funding>