



LITTLE JOEY'S PRE-SCHOOL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,

WRIGHTINGTON.

FREE EARLY EDUCATION FOR THREE TO FOUR YEAR OLDS

From the term after your child's third birthday, he/she can have up to 15 hours a week of free flexible early years childcare and education. This is called the Free Early Education and it is paid for by the government, directly to the childcare provider that your child attends.



The places are available for 15 hours per week, for 38 weeks per year. Once your child turns three, you can start claiming from the next term date which will be 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

To claim, you will need to arrange a Free Early Education place for your child with any of the following types of childcare provider:

- A pre-school/playgroup
- A private/voluntary day nursery
- An independent school
- A network of childminders
- A nursery class in a state primary school
- A state nursery school

We can only fund Ofsted/Independently registered childcare providers (including registered childminders). We cannot fund any other types of care, including family arrangements. If a relative or friend looks after your child during the week, they can't be paid for this entitlement.

FREE EARLY EDUCATION FOR TWO YEAR OLDS

Some families are eligible for the free early education for two year old children and you must be getting one of the following benefits to qualify:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit



Parent must have their eligibility checked by using our online checker or submit a 2 year old FEE application form here only if you claim one of the benefits listed above. You can use the checker or application form one term before your child becomes eligible for a free place.



If your child is eligible for other reasons, you'll need to be referred by a professional. Take a look at the table here that shows you the other ways you could be eligible and how to check if you are.

Once you are confirmed as eligible for a free early education place for a 2 year old child, you can start claiming from the next term date which will be 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

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WHAT IS FREE EARLY EDUCATION?

The Free Early Education and it is paid for by the government.

From the term after your child's third birthday, every three and four year old child in England can have up to 15 hours a week of free flexible early years childcare and education. The places are available for 15 hours per week, for 38 weeks per year.

Once your child turns three, you can start claiming from the next term date which will be 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

Some two year olds in Lancashire may qualify for free childcare. You need to check if you are eligible before you can claim a Free early Education place at your chosen childcare provider. The places are available for 15 hours per week, for 38 weeks per year.

If you are eligible and once your child turns two, you can start claiming from the next term date which will be 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR THE FREE EARLY EDUCATION FOR TWO YEAR OLDS?

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how to check if you are.

Once you are confirmed as eligible for a free early education place for a 2 year old child, you can start claiming from the next term date which will be on or after 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

HOW DO I CLAIM THE FREE EARLY EDUCATION?

Your chosen childcare provider will make the claim on your behalf. You will need to arrange a free early year place for your child with any of the following types of childcare provider:

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Check your eligibility here:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/childcare-and-family-support/free-early-education-for-two-year-olds.aspx