

Free early education for 2 year olds

Some 2 year olds are eligible for 15 hours free early education funding

Your 2-year-old can get free early education and childcare if you live in England and get one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit - if you and your partner have a combined income from work of less than £15,400 a year after tax
- tax credits and you have a household annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- they're looked after by a local council
- they have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- they get Disability Living Allowance
- they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

How to apply

For economic criteria - you will need your national insurance number.

For **non-economic criteria** you will need to supply evidence that supports your application.

For details of how to apply go to: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding

What happens next?

After you apply, and if you are entitled, you will receive a code. Please bring this to the Pre-school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of address.

Free early education for 3 - 4 year olds

Early Education Fund for 3 and 4 year olds - universal entitlement (15 hours) and (30 hours)

All **3 to 4-year-olds** in Oxfordshire are eligible for the universal 570 hours free early education. (**Universal**)

Working parents may also be eligible for the extended 570 hours for **3 & 4 year old** children. (**Extended or "30 hours"**).

When is my child eligible?

From the term following their 3rd birthday.

Date of 3rd birthday	Government funded pre-school entitlement starts from
1 April - 31 August	Term 1 - September
1 September - 31 December	Term 2 - January
1 January - 31 March	Term 3 - April

Freeland Pre-school offers funded hours for 38 weeks (term time). We offer both universal and extended funding.

Eligibility

- Information, eligibility criteria and links to apply can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Parents need to get their code (or reconfirm eligibility) before the start of the next term ie before 31 August, 31 December and 31 March. It is recommended that parents do this by July, November and February.