

## Check if your child is eligible

Visit our website at [www.reading.gov.uk/earlyyearsfunding](http://www.reading.gov.uk/earlyyearsfunding) and complete the online application.

All applications for 2 year Old Funding have to be made via the Early Years Portal.



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[www.readingplay.co.uk](http://www.readingplay.co.uk)



Reading Children Centres have redesigned their universal programme.

For further information please ask your local Children's Centre and keep checking the Family Information Service website for other community services and updates.

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Free childcare for



# Are you the parent or carer of a two year old?



## What is it?

2 year old funding is a Government initiative aimed at placing eligible 2 year old children into a quality childcare provider for up to 15 hours per week.

## Which Childcare Provider can I use?

The funding can be claimed at:

- A Registered Childminder
- Pre-school or Nursery

To find out about childcare options in your area, please contact Reading's Family Information Service:

Website: [www.reading.gov.uk/fis](http://www.reading.gov.uk/fis)

Telephone: 0118 937 3777 option 2

Email: [fis@reading.gov.uk](mailto:fis@reading.gov.uk)

Website: [www.reading.gov.uk/fis](http://www.reading.gov.uk/fis)

## What if I can't find a Childcare Provider?

If you haven't been able to locate a Childcare Provider, please contact the Family Information Service who will be able to assist you (see above)

*"We are very pleased with the childminder; our son has come out of his shell since starting and he loves spending so much time outside"*

## Does your child qualify?

To receive free childcare for two-year-olds, you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits or meet one of the criteria below.

### Economic Criteria

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Universal Credit and net earned income equivalent to and not exceeding £15,400

Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credits or Working Tax Credit and have an annual income no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit run-on which is paid for four weeks after no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Even if you do not meet the criteria above, you may still be eligible for the funding if your child under the non-economic criteria:

received a DWP postcard from the local Authority with a unique reference number (URN) on.

has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more

has been adopted from local-authority care

has left local-authority care under a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or an adoption order

has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan (EHC) or in receipt of Disability Living Allowance

Quality early years education can help your child:

- ★ Learn
- ★ Play together with friends
- ★ Experience new activities

It can also help you:

- ★ Have more time
- ★ Take up training opportunities
- ★ Develop new skills to enable you to get back to work
- ★ Get ideas of how to help your child play and learn



*"My child has come on brilliantly since attending the nursery, her sentences are becoming longer and clearer"*