

# Funded education for 2 year olds

Eligible children are entitled to 15 hours a week of funded childcare during school term times.

## Are we eligible?

If the family claims any one of the following, the answer is **yes**:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Child Tax Credit and have an Annual income not over £16,190 (CTC)
- Working Tax Credit and have an Annual income not over £16,190 (WTC)
- 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)
- Universal Credit and have a net annual household earnings below £15,400 (this means your take-home pay from any paid employment, after Income Tax and NI contributions have been deducted)

Two year olds are also eligible if they:

- Have a current statement of SEN or an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) \*
- Attract Disability Living Allowance (DLA) \*
- They are Looked after by their Local Authority
- Have left care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order \*

\* Documentation will be required as proof where an application is made against these additional criteria. Copies of the documentation can be posted or emailed to the Think2 Team.

**Please note:** If your circumstances change your funded place will not be taken away.

## When will my child be eligible?

If your child is born between:

- 1 January - 31 March, funded places can start in the summer term (from 1 April)
- 1 April - 31 August, funded places can start in the autumn term (from 1 September)
- 1 September - 31 December, funded places can start in the spring term (from 1 January)

## How do I apply?

The quickest and easiest way is to [apply online](#) – please visit:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/families/EarlyEducation/think2/apply-online/Apply-Online.aspx](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/families/EarlyEducation/think2/apply-online/Apply-Online.aspx)

Or you can print out an application form from the above website, then complete and return it to the address below:

**Staffordshire Think2 Central Team**  
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