

Free Entitlement Funding

What is two year old funding?

The Early Learning programme (ELP) for 2 year olds is a Government initiative that provides funded childcare for eligible 2 year olds for up to 15 hours per week term time only. A government funded 2 year old place is available for families in England who receive some form of support. Once eligibility is confirmed it will remain in place even if a family's circumstances change until the term after your child's third birthday at which point they will automatically become eligible for universal 3&4 year funding.

You can check your eligibility for two year funding here www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

When will my child become eligible for funding?

The nationally prescribed dates for determining eligibility for two year old funding are as follows:

A CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN:	WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ENTITLEMENT FUNDED FROM:
1st April and 31st August	1st September following their 2nd birthday
1st September and 31st December	1st January following their 2nd birthday
1st January and 31st March	1st April following their 2nd birthday

What happens after I have applied?

Once you have applied you will receive a notification to confirm if your child is eligible or not.

Once you have received your eligibility confirmation you will need to provide the CURN (child unique reference number) to nursery so that they can validate the code and subsequently claim the funding for your child.

How will funding be applied to my child's sessions?

For parents that require wraparound sessions, AM/PM or Full Day sessions, the free entitlement hours are spread across 52 weeks for a maximum of 11 hours per week dependent on sessional attendance. Each AM/PM session will include a maximum of 2hrs 45 minutes free entitlement, and a full day will include 5hrs 30 minutes free entitlement.

The additional service cost relating to wraparound care is for the flexible services of drop off and collection within your permitted session times, all freshly prepared meals (breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks) dependent on session type, consumables e.g. sun cream and a place guaranteed for every term until your child reaches school age. Please contact your nursery for a copy of the relevant published wraparound fees.

Our free entitlement sessions included within wraparound care are detailed in the table below:

2 YEAR FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 11 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 52 WEEKS	
Monday to Friday (AM session 10.15am – 13.00pm) (PM session 13.00pm – 15.45pm)	2hrs 45mins funding per session (max 4)

Can my child access a funded only place?

If you would like your child to attend a funded only session with no additional services, this place is subject to nursery availability and could be subject to change. The nursery 2yr free entitlement sessions are available to be taken across 52 weeks per year.

Our funded only sessions are detailed in the table below:

FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 11 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 52 WEEKS	
Monday to Friday PM session 13.45pm – 16.30pm	2hrs 45mins funding per session (max 4)

A voluntary contribution from parents to help cover the operating consumables costs provided to your child, for example, the quality, award-winning meals and snacks served in nursery, or the five-star UVA sun cream provided when the weather dictates will be requested by the nursery. This contribution is voluntary, no expectation is placed on any parent to agree to and act on this request. The requested contribution is £2 per session.