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Free Childcare Places for 2 year olds



Is my child entitled?
Your questions answered



ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA
APPLIES

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Is my child entitled?

Two year olds who live in a family in North Lincolnshire who receive one of the following will be eligible for a free childcare place:

- Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit and have an annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- 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
- 4 week 'run-on' of Working Tax Credit due to employment ending



In families who do not meet the financial criteria but where the child meets any one of the following:

- have a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- attracts Disability Living Allowance
- are looked after by their local authority
- left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

When can my child have a free place?

If you meet the criteria, your child can have their free place the term following their second birthday:

If your child's 2nd birthday falls between	When they can have a free place:
1 January – 31 March	From the Easter term
1 April – 31 August	From the September term
1 September – 31 December	From the January term

You should apply as early as possible during the term your child has their 2nd birthday to allow sufficient time to process your application and find suitable childcare.

What will my child get?

Your child will be entitled to 15 hours free childcare each week during school term time. Some childminders and childcare settings* may be able to stretch the hours over school holidays so your child will attend for fewer hours over more weeks.

Where can my child go?

You must use a childminder or childcare setting* in North Lincolnshire that is rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. You will be sent a list of providers with your approval letter.

What is the benefit to my family?

The free place will provide a valuable experience for your child encouraged by a carer to learn through play. They will have fun in a safe and nurturing environment and it will help them to socialise and make friends. It will also help prepare them for school.

Childcare is also good for families — it can give you a bit more free time to spend with your younger children, visit your local children's centre, take up a college course, or go back to work. It will also give you ideas of what to do with your child at home and how you can help them grow and learn.

How do I apply?

You can apply by:

- completing the attached application form and returning it to the Family Information Service or drop it into your local Children's Centre, or
- going online at www.northlincs.gov.uk/eef and completing the application form

What happens when my child turns three?

Your child will continue to access their free childcare place of up to 15 hours each week during school term time until they start a reception class at school. All three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours free early learning for 38 weeks of the year at a setting of your choice.

Further Information:

If you would like further information or support in completing the application form contact the Family Information Service on 01724 296629 or text freechildcare to 84433 for a call back from the Family Information Service.

* private nursery, pre-school or playgroup or a children's centre where day care is available.

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Application Form

Free Childcare Place for Two Year Olds

Please complete the details below in BLOCK CAPITALS to find out if your child is eligible. Please use full legal names when completing this form, including middle names

Child's details:

First Name: Middle Name:

Last Name: Male: Female:

Date of Birth:

Your details:

First Name (s): Last Name:

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Relationship to Child:
(please circle correct title)

Address:

.....Postcode:

Date of Birth: Telephone Number:

National Insurance Number

Husband/Wife/Partner's details (living at the same address):

First Name (s):..... Last Name:

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Relationship to Child:
(please circle correct title)

Date of Birth:

National Insurance Number

Please continue overleaf



Please tick which criteria you believe you meet to qualify for a free childcare place

- Parent/carer is in receipt of an eligible benefit (see leaflet for details)
- Child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- Child attracts Disability Living Allowance – **please provide a copy of the child’s award letter**
- Child is looked after by their local authority
- Child has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order – **please provide supporting documentation – a copy of the court order, adoption certificate**

Where did you hear about the funding:

I agree that North Lincolnshire Council will use the information provided to process my request for a free childcare place and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my entitlement. I agree that the information may be used to ensure accuracy of records across the local authority and the check against fraud. I declare that the above details are true and I understand that any false or incorrect information could lead to funding being withdrawn.

I understand that my details will be held securely, in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. These details will be used by North Lincolnshire Council (inc. Children’s Centres and the Family Information Service) for the purpose of processing, monitoring and supporting my child’s funded childcare place. They may also be used to send you information about services relevant to children and families. I also understand that this information may be used for statistical purposes.

Signed (You) : Date:

Signed (Partner): Date:

Please return this form:

Drop it into your local Children’s Centre or send to the Family Information Service, Hewson House, Station Road, Brigg, DN20 8XJ. You can also apply online at: www.northlincs.gov.uk/eef.

Call 01724 296629 if you require any advice

No English?

For information call

08000 193530 (Arabic) للحصول على المزيد من المعلومات اتصل بـ:

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