

# Free childcare for 2 year olds



## Did you know that your 2 year old could qualify for up to 15 hours of free childcare each week?

This could either be at a local nursery, pre-school or childminder

## Why should I consider using childcare – I can look after my own child?

Childcare is good for children. Research has shown that good quality early education can:

- Improve children's development, for example their communication skills
- Help them learn to socialise with other children and make friends
- Help them begin to get ready for school
- Give them access to exciting places to play and new activities including messy play that you might not want to do at home!

Childcare is also good for families – it can give you a bit more time to spend with your other children, take up a college course, or go back to work. Pick up ideas of what to do with your child at home and how you can help them grow and learn.

## Will my child be safe?

All childcare is provided by registered professionals who are fully trained in looking after children and have been police checked.

## There is a nursery/pre-school /childminder near me that I've heard is good – could my child go there?

Your local Council can provide you with a list of places that your child can attend and then you will be able to choose – as long as the place you choose has space.

## Is it free for all 2 year olds?

At the moment the Government is funding childcare for 2 year olds for certain groups. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, have an income below about £16,000 per year, or if your child has a disability or special educational need then you may be eligible. Get in touch with your local Council using the contact details overleaf.



## Are you eligible?

Is your child 2 or going to be 2 in the next school year?

Do any of the following apply to you?

### You get one of the following benefits:

- Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Employment and Support Allowance

You have a household income of less than about £16,000 per year

**You may well qualify for free childcare for your 2 year old.  
Contact your Council to check and find out more**

For more information contact

**Families Information Direct (FiND)**

Tel **0800 587 7500 or 020 8708 8920**

Web **<http://find.redbridge.gov.uk>**

Apply: **<http://parentportal.redbridge.gov.uk>**



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