



Funded early education and childcare

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Terrific Twos

For families in receipt of certain benefits

The Terrific Two funding is up to 570 hours of Funded Early Education and Childcare per year for your child. This equates to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year, during term time. Your provider may agree to 'stretch' your entitlement by using fewer hours over more than 38 weeks per year. Check with your childcare provider to find out if this is something they offer.

If you are eligible your child can access Funded Early Education and Childcare with any nursery, preschool, child-minder or school nursery that is registered to offer funded places. Funding commences the term after your child turns 2 years old.

How to apply

To apply, visit the informed families website at <https://www.enfield.gov.uk/if>. Please only apply to Enfield if you live in the London Borough of Enfield

OR

Text the word **TERRIFIC** to **81025** - We will send you a text back asking for all the information you will need for the application to be processed.

Important: Only apply the term before your child turns 2, using the table as a guide:

Child turns 2 between	When to apply
1 January to 31 March	Apply from the September before to be eligible from the following April
1 April to 31 August	Apply from the January before to be eligible from the following September
1 September to 31 December	Apply from the April before to be eligible from the following January



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Eligibility criteria

Your 2-year-old will be eligible for Terrific Twos funded early education and childcare if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax , not including benefit payments
- Child tax credits and, your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Parents are not eligible where they claim working tax credits and child tax credits at the same time.

2-year-olds can also get funded early education and childcare through the Terrific Twos scheme, if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- get Disability Living Allowance
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

If you're a non-UK citizen who cannot claim benefits:

If your immigration status says you have 'no recourse to public funds', you may still get funded childcare for your 2 year old. You must live in England and your household income must be no more than:

- £26,500 for families outside of London with 1 child
- £34,500 for families within London with 1 child
- £30,600 for families outside of London with 2 or more children
- £38,600 for families within London with 2 or more children

You cannot have more than £16,000 in savings or investments.

With Terrific Twos you may have to pay for extra costs like meals, nappies or trips



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3 and 4 year olds



- 15 hours childcare for **all** families in England with 3 and 4 year olds for 38 weeks of the year.
- 30 hours childcare for eligible working parents in England with 3 and 4 year olds for 38 weeks of the year. (Eligibility criteria below)

2 year old funding



- 15 hours childcare for eligible working parents for 38 weeks (up to 570 hours per year)
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.



9 mths - 23 mths



- 15 hours childcare for eligible working parents for 38 weeks (up to 570 hours per year)
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child reaching 9 months old.

9 mths - school age



- 30 hours childcare for 38 weeks per year (up to 1,140 hours) for children from 9 months up to school age, for eligible working parents.
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child reaching 9 months old.

Where can i use it?

- Full day care (e.g. nurseries)
- Schools
- Childminders
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)

What isn't covered?

The 15 hours of childcare/early education for 2-year-olds is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables (such as nappies or sun cream), additional hours or additional activities (such as trips). Providers may charge a fee for these additions.

How to apply

Visit the www.childcarechoices.gov.uk website to find out more.



eligibility criteria

- Each parent earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours/week at national minimum wage but under £100,000 adjusted net income/year
- 15 hours of childcare or early education for 38 weeks (up to 570 hours per year), that you can use flexibly with one or more providers.
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours.
- **See table on page 1 for when to apply.**

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Even more support for working parents

Tax-free Childcare: eligible working parents with children aged 11 or under can get up to £2,000 per child each year towards their childcare costs, or up to £4,000 for children with a disability aged 16 or under.

Universal Credit Childcare: eligible working parents in the UK can claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs for children aged 0-16. Plus, eligible parents can access Universal Credit fund upfront, helping those who are starting a job or increasing work hours

Government help with paying for your childcare is available through Childcare Choices. Whether you have toddlers or teens you could get support. Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out more.

Get help finding childcare

To get help finding childcare, please visit our Family Information Directory on our website. The directory can help you find childcare for your child based on your postcode and the range of distance that you specify. You can create a list of your chosen providers to compare or print them out.



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