

Help with childcare costs: Families receiving additional support with 2-year-old children



This easy read document tells you about childcare funding that is available for families who get some forms of additional support and who have children who are 2 years old.



This document is part of a set of easy read information about help with childcare costs. [The full list of easy read documents is at the end of this document.](#)

What is it?



Eligible families who get some additional forms of support, with children aged 2 years can have up to 15 hours of free childcare per week.



The 15 hours of free childcare is available for up to 38 weeks of the year – a total of 570 hours per year.



If you need childcare throughout the year, for example during school holidays, you can choose to spread the 570 hours throughout the year by taking less than 15 hours a week.



The free childcare can be used at a range of early years settings including nursery schools and classes, day nurseries, pre-school playgroups, and registered childminders.



You can use the funding at up to two childcare providers as long as you don't exceed the maximum of 570 hours per year.

Who is eligible for this funding?

This funding is for families of 2-year-olds who receive **extra support**.

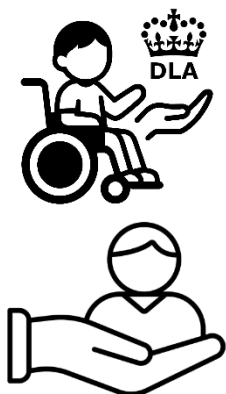
Extra support here means:



- You get certain benefits, including:
 - Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Universal Credit, and your household take-home pay is less than £15,400 a year
 - the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Your child has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)





- Your child gets Disability Living Allowance
- Your child has left care under an adoption order or child arrangements order



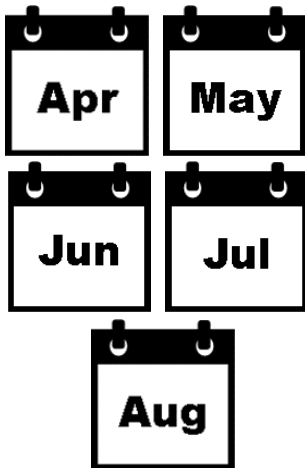
Eligibility starts in the school term after your child turns 2 years old.



**If your child was born in
January, February or March**

The free childcare funding begins in the term starting on or after 1 April.

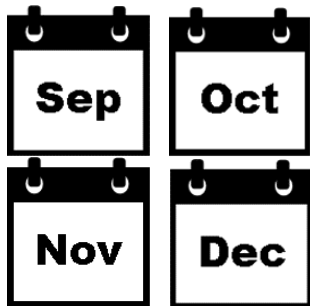
We recommended you apply between January and March.



**If your child was born in
April, May June, July or August**

The free childcare funding begins in the term starting on or after 1 September.

We recommend you apply between the middle-of-May and August.



**If your child was born in
September, October, November or
December**

The free childcare funding begins in the term starting on or after 1 January.

We recommended you apply between October and December.

How to apply



You can only apply when a child is 1 year and 9 months old (21 months).



You can apply for this funding by [completing our online form](#).

What does the funding cover?



The funding can be used to pay for childcare at a registered childcare provider. You can find childcare providers near you on the [Notts Help Yourself Families Information Service Directory](#).



The funding can only be used for childcare. It does not cover the costs of meals, nappies, suncream, additional hours or extra activities such as trips.



Childcare providers may charge you money for these things.

Customer Service Centre



Our Customer Service Centre can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



Web: [Use our online contact form](#)



Telephone: 0300 500 80 80

Text Relay: 18001 0115 977 4050



People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).

Sign Video

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.

Other childcare funding easy read documents



You can read our other easy read documents with specific information on childcare support for:



- [Childcare funding for working parents with children over than 9 months and under 5 years](#)



- [Tax free childcare for working families of children aged 0-11 \(or 0-16 if the child has disabilities\)](#)



- [Universal Credit for childcare](#)



- [Disability Access Fund](#)



- [Childcare support for students](#)

Links in this document

Apply for funding online

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/age-two-childcare

Childcare Choices

childcarechoices.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform

Relay UK app

www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

SignVideo app

signvideo.co.uk/download

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Working families

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-free-childcare-for-working-families-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Tax-free childcare

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-tax-free-childcare-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Universal Credit for childcare

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-universal-credit-for-childcare-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Disability Access Fund

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-disability-access-fund-easy-read

Easy read – Help with childcare costs: Childcare support for students

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/help-with-childcare-costs-for-parents-who-are-students-easy-read

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Help with childcare costs \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](#)

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/help-with-childcare-costs

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