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## Free Entitlement (Early Years Provision) for 2 Year Olds

### What is the Free Entitlement for 2 Year Olds?

- Up to 15 hours per week of free Early Education and Care for eligible 2 Year Olds
- Funding can be claimed over a minimum of 38 and maximum of 52 weeks per year
  - Maximum yearly entitlement of 570 hours
  - Time should be free at the point of delivery
  - Additional services can be charged for e.g. lunch, but the parent must be made aware of this before they take up a free place
- Invoice to parent should show up to 15 hours of free time

### Benefits of Early Education and Care for 2 Year Olds

"I will now be able to give more time to my new baby. My son will be able to now develop his social skills and language. He loves the groups here and sobs when he leaves. This will have a huge impact on his development."

"He is now able to leave me now without crying and everyone can see the difference. I feel so much better now, I can't believe it."

"Before my child went to the nursery he could not speak. Since he started there he is now able to talk."

"It's made an unbelievable difference to my daughter, I don't know what to say, thank you."



## Eligibility Criteria from September 2013

- Providers must be rated Good or Outstanding in their latest Ofsted report and have signed up for the Free Entitlement for 2 year olds scheme
- Childminders must be at least Level 3 qualified
- Funding is an entitlement for eligible 2 year olds, not necessarily linked to vulnerability
- Funding is from the term **after** a child turns two

An eligible child born on or between:	Can access a free place at the start of the term beginning on or after:
<b>1 April and 31 August</b>	September, following their second birthday
<b>1 September and 31 December</b>	January, following their second birthday
<b>1 January and 31 March</b>	April, following their second birthday

- Child lives in West Sussex
- Linked to Free School Meals Criteria – in receipt of one of the following:
  - Income Support
  - Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
  - Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - Child Tax Credit, provided that you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
- Other funded groups include:
  - Children with a Statement or Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
  - Children claiming Disability Living Allowance
  - Children Looked After (CLA), where WSCC is the Corporate Parent
  - Children with a Child Protection or Child in Need Plan
  - Children with a Special Guardianship Order or who are Adopted

## Further information on the Free Entitlement for 2 Year Olds can be found on our website

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/ecs2yearoldfe](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ecs2yearoldfe)

## Or contact the Family Information Service



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