Free early learning for 2 year olds

Application form



Did you know your 2 year old could receive up to 15 hours free early learning per week, subject to eligibility?



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Which 2 year olds can have a free early learning place?

2 year olds from families in receipt of certain benefits, with annual household income before tax of less than £16,190 or a net household income of less than £15,400 for families in receipt of universal credit. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan or those attracting Disability Living Allowance are also eligible. The criteria also include children looked after by the local authority, those leaving care through special guardianship, an adoption or residence order.

How do I apply for a place?

You can apply during the term of your child's 2nd birthday and if you are eligible your child will be able to start their free place from the beginning of the term after their 2nd birthday.

To check if your 2 year old can have a free place, please complete the form on the next page. In some cases, further supporting evidence may be required.

You can also apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/earlylearning

For more information or help to complete the form, contact the Early Years Service on **01753 476554**.

How do I use my free early learning place?

Places are available at approved childminders, children's centres, day nurseries, nursery schools, pre-schools and school nursery classes. You can look for a place that suits you and your child once you have received your eligible reference number.

For help to find a place, contact Slough Family Information Service on 01753 476589 or the Early Years Service on 01753 476554 or visit www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk and search for Funded Early Learning.

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You and your child:

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Your child's name	First name	Last name		
Your child's date of birth	DD MM YYYY Y	our child's gender M F		
Title	Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms			
Your full name	First name	Last name		
Relationship to the child				
Your date of birth*	DD MM YYYY Y	our gender M F		
Address				
	Postcode			
Contact phone number				
Email address				
How would you like us to contact you?				
Phone	Text E	mail Letter		
Your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number (NASS No)*				

*This information is needed so that we can check your eligibility

Parent declaration: (please tick all the boxes that apply below)

I am in receipt of:

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Income Support Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit and have an annual income under £16,190 before tax Working Tax Credit and have an annual income under £16,190 before tax Universal Credit If a parent is entitled to Universal Credit they must have an annual net earned income equivalent to and not exercise the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.

Other criteria: (further supporting evidence will be required) The child:

is looked after by the local authority

has an Education, Health and Care Plan (ECHP)

receives Disability Living Allowance

has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

I confirm that I am the legal parent/carer for the child named overleaf and that the information on this form is correct. I agree that you may use the information I have provided to process my claim for a free early learning place and to contact other sources, as allowed by law, to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.

l agree that my chosen early years provider may share information about my child's progress as part of ongoing research to support the development of services for young children in Slough.

Data Protection:

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, we are required to gain your permission to keep personal details for you and your children on our database. Slough Borough Council and its agents may share this information with government and local authority departments and other authorised organisations for administrative, statistical and research purposes. For further information please visit: www.slough.gov.uk/council/data-protection-and-foi/privacy-notices.aspx. If you are unable to access the provided links or wish to submit a query in relation to fair processing, please contact the data protection officer at DataProtectionOfficer@slough.gov.uk

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I have read and understood the statements above and would like to apply for a free early learning place for my child.

Parent's signature

Print name

Date

Send your completed application form in an envelope to the address below: Slough Early Years Service, FREEPOST FUNDED EARLY LEARNING No postage stamp is required