



free play and learn for 2 year olds

"Taking Thomas to 'play and learn' has changed our lives! He absolutely loves it and it's been fantastic for us to see the changes in him - we're over the moon!"

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It's free childcare for 2 year olds, to 'play and learn' at a local nursery or with a childminder. If you are eligible, your child could receive 15 hours a week - term time only, or 11 hours a week, 50 weeks a year.

To find out about childcare options in your area, please contact Families Information Service on **0800 917 2917**

Is my child eligible for a free place?

You can apply for a free place, if you receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance
- Support for a 'Looked After' child
- Child Tax Credit – income below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Employment and Support Allowance - income related
- Disability Living Allowance [child]
- Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190
- Current Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan [child]
- Left care through Special Guardianship, or an Adoption, or Residence Order

When could my child start?

If you qualify for free childcare, your child could take up their 'play and learn' sessions, the term after their 2nd birthday.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form and post it to the address overleaf, or drop it off at your local Children's Centre. There are lots of people who will be happy to help you apply and answer any questions you may have e.g. your Health Visitor, local Nursery or Children's Centre.

For further help or information, please contact Kelly or Linzi in the Childcare Places Team on **03000 268 913**

To find out if you qualify for free childcare, please complete the details below and return to the address overleaf, your local children's centre, nursery or health visitor. Alternatively, call Kelly or Linzi on 03000 268 913

Applicant's Details

title: relationship to child:

name:

address:

postcode:

home tel: mobile:

dob: / / national insurance no:

national asylum support no:

Child's Details

name:

dob: / / gender: male female

SEN Statement/Educational Health & Care Plan DLA

Looked After Child Special Guardianship, Adoption or Residence Order

Name of Preferred Childcare Setting or Childminder

name of setting:

address:

postcode:

I certify that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the council may check with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and/or Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs regarding my eligibility. We may need to use this information for enquiries under Section 29, 3, of the Data Protection Act - amended 1998 - Detection and Prevention of a crime. We may use your data to provide other partners with your information, including One Point. If you do not wish us to do this, please tick this box

signature date / /