

It's easy to apply

You can apply online by visiting www.richmond.gov.uk/fis and clicking on **2 year old funding** or by visiting your local children's centre

Scan here to go straight to our website



Family

Information Service

For more information contact **Richmond Family Information Service** on fis@richmond.gov.uk or 020 8831 6298



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Free
early education
and childcare
for eligible
2 year olds



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Providing children's services for
the **Royal Borough of Kingston** and
the **London Borough of Richmond**

What are the benefits for me and my child?

This is a very important stage for your child's development. Early education for 2 year olds means they will:

- Learn
- Play with friends
- Experience new activities
- Get ready for school

You don't have to be working to get free childcare but you might choose to:

- Take up a college course
- Go back to work
- Get ideas of how to help your child learn and play
- Or just have more time for other things!



Are we eligible?

You may qualify for free childcare if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of less than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Or if you receive Working Tax Credit and you earn less than £16,190 a year

Or if **your 2 year old child** meets any of the following criteria:

- Child who is looked after by the local authority (subject to care orders or in foster care) or a child that has left care through special guardianship, an adoption or residence order
- They have a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan
- They receive Disability Living Allowance

Want to know more?

Eligible children will be able to have 15 hours of free early education and childcare a week during term times. This is a total of 570 hours which can be stretched over a whole year to help working families with their regular childcare costs.

Once you have been offered a funded place your child will keep it even if your income or circumstances change. Your child will continue to receive funding when they are 3 and 4 years old until they are old enough to start school.

Children are eligible from the term after their second birthday:

Second birthday between	Eligible from	Submit application
1 April - 31 August	Autumn term starting in September	After 31 March
1 September - 31 December	Spring term starting in January	After 31 August
1 January - 31 March	Summer term starting in April	After 31 December

Childminders and nurseries who offer high quality funded places can be found using our online childcare search facility at www.richmond.gov.uk/fis_search.

If your application is approved you will be sent a letter confirming your eligibility which can be taken to your chosen provider to claim your free entitlement. All fees will be paid direct to the childcare provider.

