**2 Year Funding FAQs**

**What is 2 year funded childcare?**Two year olds who live in Wirral may be eligible for 15 hours free childcare per week (for 38 weeks), which adds up to 570 hours per year. The funding can be used in a day nursery, a pre-school, nursery or with a child minder rated good or outstanding

**How do I apply?**

Apply online at [www.wirral.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/fis) and follow the link to free childcare for 2 year olds.

**When should I apply?**

Approximately 12 weeks before the start of the term that your child becomes eligible.

**When does my child become eligible?**

Children become eligible the term after their second birthday.

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| Date of Birth | Term Eligible from |
| 1st January – 31st March | 1st April |
| 1st April – 31st August | 1st September |
| 1st September – 31st December | 1st January |

**Which children are eligible?**
Your two year old will be eligible for funding if you receive:

* Universal Credit, if a parent is entitled to Universal Credit you must have a household annual income equivalent to and not exceeding £15,400, assessed on up to three of the parent's most recent Universal Credit assessment periods.
* Child Tax Credit (provided you do not receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income of no more than £16,190)
* support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Your two year old may also be eligible for funding (depending on your household income) if you receive:

* Income Support
* income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
* income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children are also eligible if:

* they’re looked after by a local council
* they’ve left care in England or Wales through:
* an adoption order
* a special guardianship order,
* a child arrangements order
* they have a current [statement of special education needs or an education health and care plan](https://www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs)
* they get [Disability Living Allowance](https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children)

**What information do I need to provide?**
The following information is required to process your application:

* Child’s name
* Child’s Date of Birth
* Child’s Address
* Parent’s name
* Parent’s Date of Birth
* Parent’s Address
* National Insurance Number or National Asylum Number

**Will evidence be required?**
In some instances we may require supporting evidence if we have been unable to confirm your eligibility, you will be notified in writing if further evidence is required.

**Do I need to re-apply each term?**
No, once you have had your eligibility confirmed you do not need to reapply.

**When will funding expire?**
Funding expires the term after your child’s 3rd birthday, after which your child will be entitled to 15 hours universal funding.