

FREE early learning

for two year-olds in Haringey



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What is the two year-old free learning offer?

Some two year olds are able to have a free early learning place in a nursery, children's centre, playgroup or childminder, for up to 15 hours a week. Early learning is good for children's social, physical and mental development and also helps them to prepare for school – giving your child the best start in life.

How do I know if my child can have a free place?

If you receive certain benefits or support payments, the Government and Haringey Council will pay for your child to have a free place for up to 15 hours a week.

If you receive at least one of the following, your child might be able to have a free place:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, and/or Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income below £16,190
- The Working Tax Credit four week run-on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Children looked after by Haringey Council are also entitled to a place

From September 2014, more children will be able to have a free early learning place. Parents will be able to apply for a free place if their children:

- have a current statement of SEN or an education, health and care plan
- have Disability Living Allowance
- are leaving care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order

You can apply for a place using the form at the back of this leaflet, and we'll let you know if we can offer your child a free place.

Where can my child have a place?

There are lots of places in Haringey which offer free early learning:

- Children's centres
- Childminders
- Nurseries
- Nursery classes in primary schools
- Playgroups and preschools
- Independent schools

When can my child start?

Once we have confirmed that your child can have a free place, the table below shows when they can start:

If your child's 2nd birthday is between:	Your child would be able to start their free place on:
1 April - 31 August	1 September - Autumn term
1 September - 31 December	1 January - Spring term
1 January - 31 March	1 April - Summer term



How does it work?

Your child's place will be completely free of charge to you - all money is paid directly from the council to the person or provider where your child has a place.

Providers are not allowed to charge you a registration fee or a deposit, or ask you to pay for uniforms, lunches or similar as a condition of your child taking up a place.

You need to think about how you want to spread the hours during the day and over a week. Here are some examples of how you could use your hours.

- 15 hours per week, during term time only:
3 hours per day over 5 days, or
5 hours per day over 3 days
- 11.88 hours per week for 48 weeks over a year
- 11.40 hours per week for 50 weeks over a year

We recommend that you speak to your provider about the hours they can offer you. Please be aware that we can't guarantee you a place with your preferred provider, but you should be able to find something to suit your needs within your local area.

If you want to have a place for your child for more than 15 hours, then you will need to ask your provider, and will need to pay for any extra hours.

What happens if my circumstances change?

Even if your circumstances change while your child has a place, your child will not lose the free place.

How do I apply?

Complete the application form in this leaflet, and send it back to us using the freepost address at the end of the form. We'll check if we can offer a free place to your child and confirm this in writing to you.

If we can offer your child a free place, we'll send you a unique reference number and a list of childcare providers who you can contact to see what places they have available. Once you have found a provider you're happy with, they will let us know that your child has taken the free place.

More information

If you have any questions, or would like any more information, you can contact us:

Online: www.haringey.gov.uk/freearlyeducation

By email:
earlyeducation@haringey.gov.uk

By phone: 020 8489 1000

Or drop into your local children's centre - find your nearest one at www.haringey.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Remember you can get online for free at any Haringey library.



Haringey Children's Centres

Children's centres have lots of activities for two year-olds and their parents:

- outside space for children to run, jump and explore
- lots of toys and books to play with
- activities that you may not have at home, like 'messy play' (where children can play with things like paint, sand, water and more)

At the children's centre parents can:

- get support and advice
- meet other local families and make friends
- spend time with their children playing and learning together
- enjoy activities like stay and play, gardening, songs and stories, arts and crafts,
- get ideas for activities to do at home together

Find out more about your local children's centres at www.haringey.gov.uk/childrenscentres or call **020 8489 1000**



Application form

Two year-old free early learning

Complete the form below to find out if your child can have a free place. Please use full legal names, including any middle names. The person completing the form should be the person who is receiving the benefit or support.

Your child's details

Child's full name:

Child's date of birth:

Is your child a boy or a girl? Boy Girl

Child's address:

Postcode:

Does your child already attend a nursery, playgroup, childminder, or children's centre? Yes No

If yes, please tell us the name:

Your details – parent or carer

Please tell us your details, or the details of the main parent or carer of the child. We will then check our records of the benefits or support you are receiving, to see if your child can have a free place.

Full name of parent or carer:

Date of birth:

Day / Month / Year

What is your relationship to the child(ren) i.e mother/father

National Insurance Number:

NASS Number (if no National Insurance number):

Your address:

Postcode:

Your contact details:

Please tell us at least one phone number that we can contact you on.

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email address:

Please tell us if you'd like us to contact you by post or by email:

Post

Email

Do you receive universal credits?

Yes

No

Your child's ethnicity

You don't have to tell us this information, but it helps to make sure that we're reaching everyone in our community.

White

- White British
- White Irish
- Gypsy/Roma
- Traveller of Irish Heritage
- Any other White background:

Mixed/Dual Background

- White & Black Caribbean
- White & Black African
- White & Asian
- Any other mixed background:

Black

- Black British
- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background:

Any other ethnic group

- Chinese
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Latin/South American
- Any other ethnic group:

Asian

- Asian British
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Any other Asian background:

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Please read the following statements carefully and sign at the bottom to show that you understand.

- I agree that the information recorded on this form will be stored securely and used to enable Haringey Council to process my application for a free early education place, and may be shared with Children's Centre staff to enable them to offer appropriate support.
- I understand that this information may also be shared with partner organisations, funding bodies and other professional agencies for monitoring and evaluation purposes.
- This information may be shared with other professional agencies if there are safety concerns about me or my child/ren.
- All this information will be kept in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, and I will have the right to access any information held about me or my child/ren
- I understand that my personal information will not be passed to organisations for marketing or sales purposes.

Signed

Print Name

Date

What to do next:

You can return the form to us in the following ways:

Email: Scan the form and email to earlyeducation@haringey.gov.uk

Fax: 020 8489 5004

Post (you don't need a stamp): Freepost RTGB-SEJZ-HEKG
2YO Free Early Education
Haringey Council
Room 17, Professional Development Centre
Downhills Park Road
London N17 6AR

In person: Hand it in to your local customer service centre or children's centre
