

Childcare help for working parents

Childcare vouchers

Call the Day-care Trust on 0845 872 6251 for more information.

Working Tax Credits

Anyone working 16 hours or more per week may qualify for Working Tax Credit – it includes a childcare element designed to help towards the cost of childcare.

This can pay up to 80% of eligible childcare costs to a maximum of £175 per week for one child and £300 per week for two children or more. Your family does not have to be in paid employment to receive Child Tax Credit.

For more information contact the Tax Credit Helpline on 0845 300 3900

Free entitlement to early education for two-year-olds

Some two-year-olds in the borough can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

Eligibility

Your two-year-old can get free early education and childcare if you get one of the following:

- **income support**
- **income-based jobseeker's 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, working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.**

Your child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- **they are looked after by the local authority**
- **you get working tax credits and earn no more than £16,190 a year**
- **your child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan (EHCP)**
- **your child is receiving disability living allowance**
- **your child has been adopted**
- **the child has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or residence order**

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