



**FREE**  
CHILDCARE AT  
**TWO**

**Learning and having fun  
is good news for twos**

**Don't miss out on your  
free childcare place!**

**Find out more and apply online at  
[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos)**



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**



## It's all about twos

Lots of parents in Brighton & Hove have found out that free childcare for their two year old is good news, and here's why

- It's easy to apply – you can fill in a form online and find out more at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos) or ask your health visitor or children's centre for a paper form. You can also contact the Family Information Service for help and advice
- There's a wide variety of providers that offer free childcare for two year olds in the city, so you're sure to find a place that suits you
- You can get up to 570 hours of free childcare spread across the year
- You can search online for a childcare place at: [www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk](http://www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk), or the Family Information Service can tell you what's available
- Parents have told us that their two year olds have made new friends, learned new skills and improved their communication since starting childcare

**Don't miss out – take a look opposite and see if you are eligible**

## Is your two year old eligible for a free place?

**If you claim any of the following, the answer is yes**

(Subject to checking of your details)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Tax credits and have an annual income under £16,190 before tax
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

**It's also a yes if your child**

- Has an education, health and care plan or statement of special educational needs (SEN)
- Gets Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Has left the care of the local authority under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order, or adoption order
- Is looked after by the local authority

(You will need to provide evidence if any of the above apply to you. See application form for details)



**Turn over to find out when and how to apply.**

## When will my child be eligible for their free place?

Child's 2nd birthday falls between	They can start in their place from	You can check if your child is eligible
1 January to 31 March	The beginning of term on or after 1 April	From the beginning of the term when your child turns two.
1 April to 31 August	The beginning of term on or after 1 September	
1 September to 31 December	The beginning of term on or after 1 January	

### How can I find out more and apply?

Visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos) where you can download a factsheet all about free childcare for two year olds and apply online. You can also call the Family Information Service on the number below, or send them an email.

### What happens once I have applied?

The Family Information Service will check whether you are eligible or not and let you know. If you are eligible, they will provide you with a reference number to give to your childcare provider who will then claim the funding from the local authority.

### How to contact the Family Information Service

T 01273 293545

E [familyinfo@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

If you need help to complete the form for any reason, get in touch with us, as we can complete your application form over the phone with you.

