

Talking

Early & Years Childcare



Telford & Wrekin Council is offering free early education and childcare places to eligible 2 year olds. **Don't miss out**

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Eligibility criteria is as follows...

If you are unemployed, in full time work or just work for a few hours and have a child who is two you can apply for a free place for your child if one or more of the following criteria applies to you:

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- If you receive universal credits and have household net yearly income of no more than £15,400 or working tax credits and have household gross yearly income of no more than £16,190 before tax credits

SPECIALIST CRITERIA

- If your child has a current statement of Education Needs (SEN) or and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- If your child attracts Disability Living Allowance
- If you child is Looked After, has left care through special guardianship, adoption or residency order (including children in care)
- Has a child protection plan or assessed as a child in need
- Has been identified as a child with additional needs by a key professional (you will be advised by this key professional if you can apply)

Still unsure? You can call **01952 385385** and they will check for you.

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If you think you are entitled, please follow the steps below:

If applying as you meet the **FINANCIAL CRITERIA** please go to: <https://earlyyears.telford.gov.uk/parentportal/>. If you are eligible you will receive a code which you should take directly to the childcare provider of your choice. If you do not receive a code you are not eligible.

If applying as you meeting the **SPECIALIST CRITERIA** you must contact the childcare provider of your choice directly they will take you through the manual process, you may be asked for evidence which confirms you are eligible for a funded place.

Once confirmation is complete your childcare provider will:

- Ask to see a copy of your child's birth/adoption certificate
- Ask you to complete their registration form

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Confirmation of your free childcare place

Once you have confirmation of a childcare place

- Your childcare provider will ask to see a copy of your child's birth certificate
- You will need to fill out their registration form



Free places will only be available from providers who have proved they offer the highest possible standards of care for two year olds.

Your child is entitled to a free place if your child's 2nd birthday falls between:

1 January - 31 March

They are entitled to a place in **April**

1 April - 31 August

They are entitled to a place in **September**

1 September - 31 December

They are entitled to a place in **January**

You can get more information about Talking 2s at...

email. childcarefunding@telford.gov.uk

web. www.telford.gov.uk/talking2s

Family Connect

tel. 01952 385385 **email.** familyconnect@telford.gov.uk

