

Nursery Education Grant

What funding is available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds?

There are two possible sources of funding available for 2 year olds. Namely:

Working Parents 2 year old funding

Available from 1 April 2024 for all eligible working parents. They will be able to access 15 hours per week (TTO) of funding.

Applications are via the Childcare Choices website (see link below).

- Each parent must earn under £100K/year and at least £167/week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage);
- A 2 year old child will be eligible for funding in the term after their 2nd birthday;

Child's 2 nd birthday	Term eligible for funding
1 September to 31 December	Spring (1 January to 31 March 2019); - Terms 1 & 2
1 January to 31 March	Summer (1 April to 31 August) - Terms 3 & 4
1 April to 31 August	Autumn (1 September to 31 December) - Terms 5 & 6

- 15 hours of childcare or early education for 38 weeks will be available;
- A total of 570 hours per year, that can be used flexibly with one or more childcare provider*.

*note that St Joseph's Pre-school are a term time only provider so there is no opportunity to "stretch" the funding - which you can do with a provider who is open all year.

If successful you will be issued with an 11 digit code – please advise the Treasury Administrator of this – and you will then have up to 30 hours of early education over 38 weeks available for your child.

To apply please visit the Childcare Choices website.

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

NB: your eligibility code needs to be renewed every 3 months to ensure that your child continues to receive this funding during their time at Pre-school.

Note: from September 2025 there will be up to 30 hours childcare available for eligible parents of 2 year olds.

Disadvantage Two Year Olds (D2YO) Funding

[Click here to access Glos County Council's website and page of A2YO funding](#)

Your 2 year old can get free childcare if you live in England and are in receipt of the following benefits.

- Income support;
- income-based job seekers allowance (JSA);
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA);
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments;
- the guaranteed element of Pensions Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax;
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Families may also be entitled to the funding if they meet one of the following criteria:

- the child has an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) or a current statement of special educational needs, or a SEND My Plan +;
- the child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance; or
- the child is in the care of the Local Authority (ie. Gloucestershire County Council), they have left care through special guardianship order, child arrangement order or adoption order.

The number of funded hours available for funded childcare is 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of year, ie. term time only (TTO). If eligible, funding would be available the term after the child's 2nd birthday (as per table in "working parents 2 year old funding" section).

To check if you are entitled you can register with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) via the Citizen portal (www.gcca2yofunding.com), enter your details and if you are entitled you will be given a reference number and email. You will need your National Insurance Number to check eligibility.

If you are unable to access the portal or wish to find out more, contact the Family Information Service on 01452 427362

If you are successful in attaining 2 year old funding for your child, then please email St Joseph's Pre-school's Treasury Administrator (stjosephstreasad@gmail.com) the confirmation email you receive from GCC. This will have a unique reference number for your child and funding application (starting with "TYF-") together with a start date for the funding. Upon receipt, our Treasury Administrator will furnish you with the information and documents required to enable the Pre-school to receive said funding for your child whilst they are in attendance at the setting.

Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

There are two possible sources of funding available for 3 year olds. Namely:

All 3 year olds

From the term after your child's 3rd birthday, they will automatically be entitled to receive 15 hours (universal) entitlement to use. This funding is available for 38 weeks per year and can be used flexibly with one or more childcare provider*.

- 15 hours of childcare or early education for 38 weeks will be available;
- A total of 570 hours per year, that can be used flexibly with one or more childcare provider*.

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St Joseph's Pre-school's Treasury Administrator will ensure that you receive the relevant Parent Declaration Form prior to the start of the term your child becomes eligible.

Child's 3rd birthday	Term eligible for funding
1 September to 31 December	Spring (1 January to 31 March 2019); - Terms 1 & 2
1 January to 31 March	Summer (1 April to 31 August) - Terms 3 & 4
1 April to 31 August	Autumn (1 September to 31 December) - Terms 5 & 6

3 & 4 year olds of working parents

Working parents can apply for an additional 15 hours (extended) entitlement prior to the term that their child becomes eligible for the 15 hours (universal) entitlement. This entitlement, like the "Working parents 2 year old funding" is income related. If successful you will be issued with an 11 digit code – please advise the Treasury Administrator of this (stjosephpstreasad@gmail.com) – and you will then have up to 30 hours of early education over 38 weeks available for your child.

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NB: your eligibility code needs to be renewed every 3 months to ensure that your child continues to receive this funding during their time at Pre-school.