

## **Do you have a Two Year Old? Achieving Two Year Olds (A2YO) 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 (see table below).

<b>Child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday</b>	<b>Term eligible for funding</b>
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

To check if you are entitled you can register with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) via the Citizen portal ([www.gcca2yofunding.com](http://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 ([stjosephpstreasad@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephpstreasad@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.

You can also look at the Government's website to read further – follow this [link](#).

### **Changes from April 2024**

On the 14 March 2023 the Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, announced that from April 2024 2 year old funding will be available for all eligible working parents. They will be able to access 15 hours per week (TTO) of funding.

The latest DfE Newsletter (dated 20 November 2023), states:

#### ***From April 2024: 15 hours childcare - Age 2***

- *for eligible working families in England* - need to apply for this, via childcare choices (unknown) - not available until sometime in Jan 24;
- *Each parent earning under £100k/year and at least £167/week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage);*
- *with a 2-year-old child;*
- *15 hours of childcare or early education for 38 weeks;*
- *a total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare providers\*.*

\*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.

Take a look at the Childcare Choices website for further information and sign up to their newsletter to keep up to date.

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

This document will continue to be updated when more information is available.