



I'm **two**
and I get **15**
hours free
childcare!

**Could
you?**

To find out about **free early education**
for **2, 3 & 4** year olds call **0800 0858 743**
or visit **www.wirral.gov.uk/fis**

FREE

Early Education for 2, 3 & 4 Year Olds



Wirral Council is offering all 3 & 4 year olds and some 2 year olds free 15 hours early education

Quality early education can help your child:

- Play together with friends
- Learn
- Experience fun new activities

Quality early education can also help you:

- Return to work
- Take up a college course
- Get ideas of how to support your child learn and play

Is my child eligible for a free place?

3 and 4 Year Olds

All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible regardless of your household income.

2 Year Olds

Some 2 year olds are eligible:

- if you have a household income of £16,190 or less (excluding tax credits)
- the child is looked after by the Local Authority (LAC) or has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order is in place
- the child has disability living allowance (DLA)
- the child has a statement (SEN)
- if you receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999)

When can eligible children start their free place?

Places are available the term after your child's 2, 3 or 4 Birthday

If your child's 2nd or 3rd birthday falls between:	Early Education free places available from
1 Jan - 31 Mar	- The start of the summer term (after Easter)
1 Apr - 31 Aug	- The start of the autumn term (after September)
1 Sep - 31 Dec	- The start of the spring term (after Christmas)

How do I apply?

3 and 4 Year Olds

Please contact your chosen provider and they will discuss with you their admissions policy.

2 Year Olds

Please do not apply too early. The best time to apply is two months before your child's free place could start. Applications can be made by parents, health visitors, children centre staff or any other worker who is supporting your family. If you do not have access to the internet you can make an application at your local children centre / library or ask one of the above workers to make an application on your behalf. www.wirral.gov.uk/fis

What happens next?

2 Year Olds

If you are eligible you will receive a letter from your local children's centre offering you free early education. With your letter you will receive a list of providers who offer early education. You need to take this letter to your chosen provider and your 2 year old can start accessing early education straight away. A worker from your local children centre may contact you to offer support.

**For details of your nearest early education provider contact:
Families Information Service | 0800 0858 743 | fis@wirral.gov.uk**