

# Childcare Entitlement Videos Transcripts

## 2 Year Funding

Hello my name is Gemma Ferguson and I am the Early Years Engagement Officer as part of the Early Years Team at Swindon Borough Council. I would like to talk to you today about the free 15 hours childcare or 2 year funding that is available to your child once they turn 2 years old.

You are needing to meet a certain criteria which includes being in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits with an annual income of less than £16,190 per year, Universal Credit with an annual take home pay of less than £15,400 per year or support through part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act. Your 2 year old is also entitled to a place if they are a 'Looked After' (LAC) child, they have a current statement of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or an EHCP Plan (Education, Health & Childcare Plan). They are in receipt of DLA (Disability Living Allowance) or they have left care under a Special Guardianship Order, Care Order or an Adoption Order.

The 2 year funding is eligible the term after your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and the term dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> January, the 1<sup>st</sup> April and the 1<sup>st</sup> September. You are able to apply the term before your child turns 2. The process is easy and a few details are taken such as your Name, Date of Birth, National Insurance Number & Address. The application takes a few minutes and once completed you'll receive an email with a code which you need to keep safe and hand this to a childcare setting or provider of your choice.

This is a great opportunity for your child as they get to play and make friends with other children of the same age, learn new things and be a step ahead for when they start school. The bonus for yourselves as a parent/carer is that you get some free time to do your own thing. You may have previously received information on this free childcare offer in the past such as a parent letter or a golden ticket but you felt at the time that your child wasn't ready. This is just a reminder of what a great opportunity this is for both you and your child and to let you know that it isn't too late.

If you would like any further information or have any questions please call my mobile on 07812759534 or contact the council main switchboard on Swindon 01793 445500 or please send an email to [earlyeducation@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:earlyeducation@swindon.gov.uk) ([EY&CBrokerage@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:EY&CBrokerage@swindon.gov.uk))

Thank you for taking the time to listen today and I look forward to hearing from you.