

Early Learning and Childcare for 2 year olds is currently available in the following establishments

**Early Learning and Childcare for Eligible 2 year olds**  
**Information for Parents and Carers**

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- Craigmillar Early Years Centre
- Greendykes Early Years Centre
- Sighthill Early Years Centre
- Viewforth Early Years Centre
- Fort Early Years Centre
- Gilmerton Early Years Centre
- Oxgangs Primary School
- Royal Mile Primary School
- Leith Walk Primary School

\*Please note this list will be updated as more establishments become available. \*



**Need more information?**

**Contact:** [earlyyears@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@edinburgh.gov.uk)

The City of Edinburgh Council has a number of establishments now offering funded Early Learning and Childcare to eligible children who are 2 years of age. Children are eligible in line with the criteria set down by the Scottish Government.

## What is funded early learning and childcare?

Eligible children are entitled to receive a maximum of 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare during the school year which is usually offered as 5 morning or 5 afternoon sessions, each lasting 3 hours 10 minutes.

Places are available at the Edinburgh Council establishments listed overleaf. Please note it may not be possible to guarantee a place in your first choice establishment.

## Is my 2 year old eligible?

Children may be eligible if they live in a household where a resident parent/carer is in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

-Income Support

-Jobseekers Allowance (**Income based**)

-Employment and Support Allowance (**Income based**)

-Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance

-Pension Credit

### Or if your child:

-Is Looked after

-Is under a kinship care order

-Lives with a parent appointed guardian

Proof of eligibility will be required e.g. statement of benefits for resident parent/carer. You will also be required to provide the child's birth certificate or passport.

Once a child has been allocated a place, they will remain entitled to this even if their parent/ carer become employed or their situation with their parent /carer changes.

## When can my child start?

Children will become eligible for a place in the term following their **2<sup>nd</sup> birthday**, or, the first term after the parent/carer starts receiving any of the qualifying benefits listed. Children born between **1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013** will be eligible during the **August 2014 to June 2015 academic year**. The term intake has been arranged as follows:

- **Term 1 August – December 2014**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

- **Term 2 January – March 2015**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012

- **Term 3 April- June 2015**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**\*Applications can be submitted following a child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday\***

## How can I apply?

Application forms are available from any of the establishments listed overleaf. They should be fully completed and handed into your first choice establishment along with the following documents, which must be provided as proof of eligibility:

- Evidence of benefits you receive e.g award letter
- Proof of child's age e.g birth certificate or passport
- Proof of child's current address e.g council tax letter, utility bill or other letter.