Suffolk Citizen's Portal Two Year Old Funding Checker Guidance for Parents



This guidance assumes you have already registered and created an account for the Citizen's Portal and are able to log in. Please visit the following link for more information on the Citizen's Portal if you are not already registered: <u>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/online-services/citizen-portal/</u>

Click on the '2-year-old funding' button on the front page of your Citizen's Portal.



Adding your child and applying

If you have used the Citizen's Portal before, your children may already appear in the Two Year Old Funding homepage. Children in the eligible age range for two year old funding will appear at the top. Children who are too old or too young will appear at the bottom, and you are not able to apply for them.



If your child does not already appear, or this is your first time using the Citizen's Portal, you will need to add the child new. Press 'Add —

Child'. Fill in all the required information and press 'Continue'.

Add child			
dd child			
Forename *			
Middle name			
Surname *			
Gender *	Please select	~	
Date of birth *	dd/mm/yyyy		
Ethnicity *	Please select	٣	
First language *	Please select	٣	
Relationship to child *	Please select	~	
	Your relationship to this child		
Parental responsibility *	⊖ Yes		
	○ No		
	Do you have legal responsibility for this child?		
Select address *			
	# Early Years And Childcare Endeavour House Russell Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX UK		
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	Add new address		



Early Education Funding for 2 year old children

Manage your applications for Early Education Funding for 2 year olds. Click here for a full list of 2 year old funding criteria.

Children who are of an eligible age to apply for 2 year old funding:



Your child will now appear in the list. Click 'Start new application'. You can also view the status of previously submitted checks from this screen.



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Apply for 2-year-old funding

Manage your applications for free education and childcare for 2-year-olds.



There are two different ways to apply for Two Year Old Funding. If you believe you are eligible based on your economic and benefits circumstance, select the 'Start Economic Application' option.

If you are eligible through non-economic means, or have received a Golden Ticket in the post, select 'Start Other Application'. The full criteria for both economic and non-economic means are listed here:

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/guidance-for-parentsand-carers/funded-early-learning-for-2-year-olds

You can find information on completing an **economic claim** on pages 4 to 6 of this document. Guidance for **all other claims** is on pages 7 to 8.



Economic Claim

Enter your personal details, including your National Insurance number or your National Asylum Seekers number if applicable.

🔗 Early Educa	ation Funding for 2 year old children
-Step 1 →Step 2	▶Step 3 ▶Step 4
Personal details Information provided on this page will be used to confirm your eligibility with the Department	for Work and Pensions (DWP)
dd/mm/yyyy	You can change your details from My account, Contact details
Identity number *	Address
	Early Years And Childcare, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk,
National Asylum Support Service number	Home phone number
	Mobile phone number Gender Male

Your details may already be populated here if you have used the Citizen's Portal before.

You can review the details of the child you are applying for on this screen below your personal details.





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You will get an immediate result.



A green tick means you are eligible. This screen also includes the earliest date you can take up a funded place and your application reference number.



A red cross means you are not eligible at this time. This screen also includes options to check again with a second applicant's details, or to contact us by pressing 'request help'.



Whether you are eligible or not, you will receive a message in the Citizen's Portal with more details. This includes the earliest date your child can start at a nursery if you are eligible and the two year old funding application reference number. You can see this message by clicking on the 'Messages' button back on the home page of the Citizen's Portal.



Messages
Message detail
Back Delete
Application for funded early education for a 2 year old child - reference TYF935- 18/06/2021 14:26 2106-CPDVSHF5
Suffolk County Council
Dear Mr
This is confirmation that your child, Test 2, is eligible for 2 year old Early Education Funding. You can claim up to 15 hours per week of Early Education Funding with a childminder, pre-school or nursery on the Suffolk List of Providers. The childcare provider will claim the funding directly from Suffolk County Council.
Please note that the earliest date from which your child can take up a funded place is 18/06/2021.
When arranging your Early Education funded place with your chosen childminder, pre-school or nursery, you will need to quote this reference number TYF935-2106- CPDVSHF5
Your chosen childcare provider will need to verify your child's date of birth, so please take with you one of the following:
Birth certificate Passport European ID card
Please keep this message for future reference.
If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact us by emailing childcare.planning@suffolk.gov.uk.
Regards
Suffolk Family Information Service
Tel: 0345 60 800 33 (Please leave us a message and we will call you back)
Back Delete

You will need to take this message to your chosen childcare provider. You can take a screenshot, print it out, or just show it to them directly. The childcare provider will then be able to input the reference number and your child's details into their system to confirm eligibility and offer you a funded place.



Tick the criteria you are

Upload some supporting

applying under.

evidence (e.g a photocopy of a

All Other Claims

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All Other Claims Criteria Selection

Select all that apply

Golden ticket Parent/carer has received a Golden Ticket advising that they are eligible for Two Year Old Funding



Evidence can be uploaded in the following file formats: png, jpg, jpeg, pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx

Tick 'I agree' after reading the declaration, then submit.



Finish

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Application submitted

Your application for Test 3 has been submitted. We will review your application, and let you know the result shortly

Application reference number

TYF935-2106-S8IC36F9

Your application reference number will help us if you need to contact us

Your application will then be submitted for review. You will receive an email message telling you to log back into the Citizen's Portal to see the result of your application once it has been reviewed. This result will be in a message on your Citizen's Portal home page, visible here:



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If your application is successful you will need to take this message to your chosen childcare provider. You can take a screenshot, print it out, or just show it to them directly.

The childcare provider must be on the Suffolk List of Providers.

The provider will then be able to confirm your eligibility using the application reference number. They will agree with you when to start claiming funded childcare for your child.

You can find the proof of eligibility at any time in the 'messages' section of the Citizen's Portal.

If you have any more questions about using this checker, or questions about 2 year old funding, please contact us by email: <u>childcare.planning@suffolk.gov.uk</u> or call 0345 60 800 33.