

# Did you know that your child could be entitled to 15 hours of free early education?



**Further support with applying for funding or finding a childcare provider of your choice is available at your local Start Well Family Centre.**

## Your 2-year old may be able to access free early education if:

- You and your family are in receipt of certain benefits and have an income of less than £16,190 (£15,400 if on Universal Credit),
- If you are a non-EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits, and get support under the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The child is Looked After by the Local Authority or previously been Looked After,
- They are Adopted,
- They are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.
- They have been identified as 'a child in need', as they have a disability or a child protection plan

## What are the benefits for your child?



Play exciting  
and fun  
activities



Learn how to  
make friends  
and socialise



Develop basic  
language skills



Be ready to  
start school  
in a few years

Those parents who are in receipt of benefits (Universal Credit or Child Tax Credit) will need to apply online to confirm eligibility. For Looked After, Adopted or children receiving DLA please go to step 2.

## What are the next steps?

1. Apply online at [www.wigan.gov.uk/2yearoldfunding](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/2yearoldfunding) or scan the QR code below.
2. Choose a childcare provider at [www.wigan.gov.uk/familydirectory](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/familydirectory)
3. Take your eligibility letter, your child's adoption certificate, or DLA award letter along to your chosen childcare provider
4. Your child can start the term after their 2nd birthday

## For more information visit

[www.wigan.gov.uk/familydirectory](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/familydirectory)

Email: [leyep@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:leyep@wigan.gov.uk)

For information on support with your childcare costs visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

