



Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for 2 Nurture in 2024-2025

Your child may be entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare.

2 Nurture children fall into 2 categories.

1. Children who are

- looked after and accommodated or are under a kinship or guardianship order.
- Parents who are care experienced.

2. Children whose families are in receipt of one or more of these qualifying benefits:

- Income Support.
- Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance.
- State Pension Credit.
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Any income-related element of the Employment & Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income is below £19,995
- Both maximum CTC and WTC with income less than £9,552.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit and your household take-home pay is £796 a month or less
- "Take-home pay" is the money your household receives from work after tax, National Insurance and any pension contributions have been taken off. Your award letter will tell you how much your take-home pay is for the claim period. This should be £796 a month or less.

All Application forms must be completed and submitted by the parent/carer. Application forms can be requested by emailing eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please note: All two-year olds are allocated places centrally

Please note: Transport to and from Early Learning and Childcare settings is NOT provided or funded by Education and Children's Services.

When children are placed

- Social Work referrals and Parents who are Care Experienced applications are placed as close after the child's second birthday as possible or as soon as possible after application is received.
- DWP applications which meet criteria will be placed the term after the child's second birthday or the term after the application is made.
- If a child is not already attending an ELC setting where they will receive funding, placement will only be made during the first two weeks of term commencing.

Where children are placed

We work in partnership with other Early Learning and Childcare settings to offer a choice of provision to parents/Carer.

- **Childminders**
- **Playgroups**
- **Private nurseries**
- **Independent schools**

In an ELC setting you can access your entitlement which is up to 1140 hours per academic year. Early Learning and Childcare funded hours are provided on a pro rata basis. The most hours that can be accessed in a week are 30 hours per week and this is through accessing a term time (38 week) model.

What if my child is currently in an Early Learning and Childcare setting?

If your child is attending a setting which is in partnership with the Local Authority. We aim to place your child in the same setting.

2 Nurture funded children moving on to a funded place as a three-year-old, families are required to complete an ELC application form. Please see Aberdeenshire Council website for more information.

Enquiries

Enquiries regarding **2 Nurture** funded places should be sent to:
eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.