



City of
Stoke-on-Trent

Early Education for 2 Year Olds The Information

The current offer of Free Early Education for 2 Year Olds is available to eligible children from the term following their second birthday.

Your child may be entitled to receive Free Early Education if you / your child receive one or more of the following:

Household Income

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit and have an Annual income of not more than £16,190
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

Child Development

- Your child has a current statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC)
- Your child attracts Disability Living Allowance (please provide proof of entitlement)

2 Year Olds also qualify who:

- Are looked after by their Local Authority
- Have left care through or through an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangement order.

Framework for Delivery

The Government has set a national framework for the delivery of free early education. The limits, delivered over a minimum of 38 weeks are:

- No session longer than 10 hours
- No session shorter than 2.5 hours
- No session before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- The full 15 hours to be provided over a minimum of 2 days
- Parents can access free early education at a maximum of two providers at any one time

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Co-operative Working Access Point on 01782 232200 or email Co-operativeWorking.Enquiries@stoke.gov.uk