



Where can I use it?

- Full day care (e.g. nurseries)
- Schools
- Childminders
- Sessional providers (e.g. playgroups)

What isn't covered?

The funded hours of childcare/early education is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables (such as nappies or sun cream), additional hours or activities (such as trips). Providers may charge a fee for these additions.



Even more support for working parents

Tax-free Childcare: eligible working parents can receive Tax-Free Childcare for their child until 1st September after their 11th birthday, or until 1st September after their 16th birthday if they are disabled. Up to £2,000 per child each year towards childcare costs, or up to £4,000 for children with a disability.

Universal Credit Childcare: eligible working parents in the UK can claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs for children aged 0-16. Plus, parents may also be eligible to access an initial up-front childcare cost payment, helping those who are starting a job or increasing work hours.

Government help with paying for your childcare is available through Best start in life. Whether you have toddlers or teens you could get support. Visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk to find out more.

Get help finding childcare

To get help finding childcare, please visit our **Family Information Directory** on our website. The directory can help you find childcare for your child based on your postcode and the range of distance that you specify. You can create a list of your chosen providers to compare or print them out.



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www.enfield.gov.uk/if
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 Find out more call
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 Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm
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Funded early education and childcare



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Terrific Twos

For families in receipt of certain benefits

The Terrific Two funding is up to 570 hours of Funded Early Education and Childcare per year for your child. This equates to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year, during term time. Your provider may agree to 'stretch' your entitlement by using fewer hours over more than 38 weeks per year. Check with your childcare provider to find out if this is something they offer.

If you are eligible your child can access Funded Early Education and Childcare with any nursery, preschool, child-minder or school nursery that is registered to offer funded places. Funding commences the term after your child turns 2 years old.

How to apply

To apply, visit the informed families website at <https://www.enfield.gov.uk/if> or text the word **TERRIFIC** to **81025** - We will send you a text back asking for all the information you will need for the application to be processed. Please only apply to Enfield if you live in the London Borough of Enfield.

Important: Only apply the term before your child turns 2, using the table below as a guide:

Period child reaches eligible age	When to apply	Apply by:
1 Jan to 31 Mar	Apply from the September before to be eligible from the following April	31 Mar
1 Apr to 31 Aug	Apply from the January before to be eligible from the following September	31 Aug
1 Sept to 31 Dec	Apply from the April before to be eligible from the following January	31 Dec

Eligibility criteria

Your 2-year-old will be eligible for Terrific Twos funded early education and childcare if you live in England and receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

2-year-olds can also get funded early education and childcare through the Terrific Twos scheme, if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get Disability Living Allowance
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

If you're a non-UK citizen who cannot claim benefits and your immigration status says you have 'no recourse to public funds', you may still get funded childcare for your 2 year old. You must live in England and your household income must be no more than:

- £26,500 for families outside of London with 1 child
- £34,500 for families within London with 1 child
- £30,600 for families outside of London with 2 or more children
- £38,600 for families within London with 2 or more children

You cannot have more than £16,000 in savings or investments.

With Terrific Twos you may have to pay for extra costs like meals, nappies, additional hours or activities such as trips.

See table on page 1 for when to apply

3 and 4 year olds

- 15 hours funded childcare for **all** families living in England with 3 and 4 year olds for 38 weeks of the year (up to 570 funded hours per year).

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- 15 hours funded childcare for parents in receipt of certain benefits for 38 weeks (up to 570 hours per year).
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child's 2nd birthday.

9 months - 4 years

- Up to 30 hours funded childcare for 38 weeks per year (up to 1,140 hours) for children from 9 months until they reach school age, for eligible **working parents** living in England.
- From 1 January, 1 April or 1 September following your child reaching 9 months old. (Eligibility criteria below)

Eligibility criteria

- Each parent earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours/week at national minimum wage but under £100,000 adjusted net income/year.
- Up to 30 hours of early education or childcare for 38 weeks (up to 1,140 hours per year), that you can use flexibly with one or more providers.
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours.

You can apply for your code up to 16 weeks before your baby turns 9 months old. See table on page 1 for when to apply by.

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Visit the www.beststartinlife.gov.uk website to find out more