

Are you registered with a Sure Start Children’s Centre? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there any professionals involved with your family at the moment?

Health Visitor:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>
Portage Worker:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>
Social Worker:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>
Children’s Centre Worker:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>
Family Support Worker:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>
Other: (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give name if known:	<input type="text"/>

Please state if there is a particular childcare provider that you would like to use, subject to a place being available:

Name of Provider / Childminder:

Transport: If no childcare is available in walking distance, are you able to transport your child to the childcare? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Declaration:**  
I certify that the information given on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the council will use this information to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits or entitlements by checking benefit and tax credits data provided by HMRC and DWP. I also agree to the local authority using this information to enable my child’s School/Nursery/ Playgroup / Childminder to claim the early years pupil premium (EYPP) for my child when they later commence their 3 & 4 year old funded early education place.  
I understand that the personal information I have provided is held securely and may be used and shared for local authority purposes e.g. with Sure Start, that could offer further support to my family, and also with potential childcare providers.


Parent/carer signature:  Date:  /  /

If you are a professional completing this application on behalf of a parent, please provide your details below: (Please PRINT)

First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Tel no:	<input type="text"/>	Organisation:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>		

FIS STAFF ONLY:  
(Ensure declaration read over phone)  
Date:..... Completed by (FIS Staff member): .....

**Return form to:**  
FIS, Redcar Children’s Centre, Keilder Close, Redcar, TS10 4HS  
Or drop it in to your local Sure Start Children’s Centre reception  
Or email it to: [fis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:fis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)



**For more information and advice about the free 2 year old childcare places please contact:**

**Families’ Information Service**  
**Redcar Children’s Centre**  
**Keilder Close, Redcar**  
**TS10 4HS**  
**Telephone: 0800 073 8800**  
**Email: [fis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:fis@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk)**  
**Website: [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/childcare)**

# Free Childcare Places for 2 year olds





**Your child could be eligible to take up this free childcare place, make new friends and learn through play .....**



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Redcar & Cleveland Council is offering some 2 year olds a free childcare place for up to 15 hours a week. Non-working parents on certain benefits as well as those claiming working tax credits in low income jobs may be eligible. You do not have to take all 15 hours per week of free childcare.

Your child can have a free 2 year old childcare place from the term after their 2nd birthday until the start of the term after their 3rd birthday.

A child born in the period....	Will become eligible for a free place from
1st April to 31st August	the start of the Autumn school term (early September)
1st September to 31st December	the start of the Spring school term (early January)
1st January to 31st March	the start of the Summer school term (after Easter)

The Rules

You must also be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Employment and Support Allowance – income related
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income below £16,190.

Or

- You get Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190 a year
- Your child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan (EHC)
- Your child get’s Disability Living Allowance in their own right
- They’ve left care through special guardianship or an adoption or ~ residence order
- The child is in the care of the Local Authority e.g. foster care

Who provides the free childcare place?

Free childcare places for 2 year olds are provided by approved childminders, day nurseries and playgroups with some schools also offering places. Places will normally be available for up to 15 hours per week during term-time. However, some childcare providers may offer alternative arrangements e.g. fewer hours per week, over more weeks per year.

How do I apply?

You can either: Complete the application form overleaf and send it in to the Families’ Information Service (FIS) who will check whether your child is eligible from the information you provide.

Or

Call the FIS on free-phone 0800 073 8800 and they will complete the application over the telephone with you, check if you are eligible and carry out the childcare search.

Or

Complete our on-line application form available on the Free Childcare for 2 year Olds information pages at: [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/childcare)

If you are eligible, the FIS will be in touch and will send you details of those providers who have a free two year old childcare place available to meet your needs. You will also receive a confirmation letter that you must take with you to your chosen childcare provider to register your child. This must be done before your child starts. Some parents may also receive a ‘golden ticket’ to confirm their eligibility to a free 2 year old childcare place along with a list of childcare providers where they can hand in their voucher to claim their place.

Please note that your application will not be processed until approx four weeks prior to the start of the eligible term (the term after your child turns 2 years old).

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Application Form

Please complete the details below to find out if your 2 year old child is eligible. Please complete this form in capital letters and only use full legal names (including middle names) \* Denotes mandatory info that must be provided in order to process the application.

SECTION 1 – PARENT / MAIN CARER’S DETAILS AND INCOME STATUS (Person in receipt of benefits or working tax credits)

Title: Relationship to child:

First Name(s): Last Name\*:

Address\*:

Post Code\*:

Contact Telephone Number\*:

Date of Birth\*: / / National Insurance No\*: (or National Asylum Support Services (NASS reference number))

Are you currently working? Yes No If yes see box (f) below and tick if it applies.

Please tick all that apply to you and/or your child

a I receive Income Support	g Child is Adopted
b I receive Income-related Employment and Support Allowance	h Child gets Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in their own right
c I receive Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit	i Child has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
d I receive Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance	j Child is a Looked After Child (LAC) e.g. in Foster Care
e I receive Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	k Child has left care through a special guardianship or residence order
f I receive Child Tax Credit and/or Working credit and have an annual income not exceeding £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs.	

2 Year Old Child’s details:

First Name(s)\*: Middle Name\*:

Last Name\*: Date of Birth\*: / /

Male Female

Does your 2 year old have any additional needs?\* Yes No If YES, give details:

If you have older children, which school(s) do they attend?:

