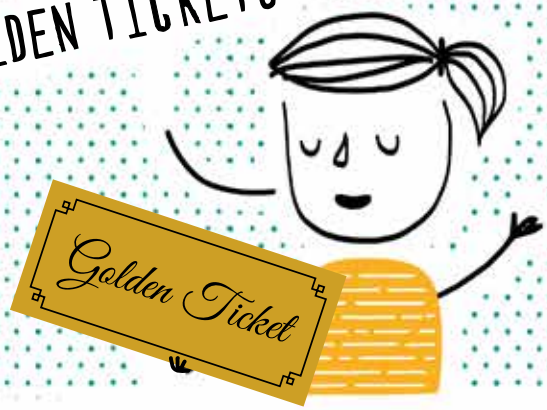
Suffolk County Council

NEVER "TWO" EARLY

GOLDEN TICKETS



Can your 2 year old get 15 hours of funded childcare a week during school term time?

You may be eligible for this funding if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and /or Working Tax Credit and earn no more than £16,190 per year
- Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit and earn no more than £15,400 per year, based on your earnings from the last three monthly assessment periods.
- State Pension Credit (the guaranteed element)
- Support through Part 6 or section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- You are a 'Zambrano carer' earning no more than £15,400 per year
- You have immigration leave under Article 8 with no recourse to public funds

Claiming a funded place for your two year old will not affect your other benefits.

Golden Tickets:

If you receive one of the above benefits a Golden Ticket may be posted to you. Take your Golden Ticket to a registered Good or Outstanding childcare provider.

Or take proof to your chosen childcare provider that your child:

- Has left care through Special Guardianship, or through an Adoption, Residence or Child Arrangements Order
- Is a Child in Care (CiC) (Looked After Child)
- Has a current Education, Health and Care Plan
- Receives Disability Living Allowance

Once your child starts a place they remain eligible even if your circumstances change.

When can I start receiving funded childcare for my eligible 2 year old?

Children who are eligible can receive their funded childcare from the beginning of the term after their second birthday. Please refer to the table below:

A child who turns two between:	Is eligible for a funded place from:
1 January to 31 March	April (Summer term)
1 April to 31 August	September (Autumn term)
1 September to 31 December	January (Spring term)

For further information contact the **Suffolk Family Information Service** on: **0345 60 800 33** or text: **07624 80 10 60** (if you text the Family Information Service your number they will call you back).