

Two Year Old Funding Expansion

From April 2024, Two Year Old Funding is expanding. This means that there are now two ways in which families can be eligible:

Disadvantaged/Non-Economic Entitlement (existing)	Working Parent Family Entitlement (new)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply via Suffolk County Council: www.suffolk.gov.uk/two (parents can use the Citizen Portal, or providers can complete 'Assisted Applications' on the Provider Portal). If eligible, parent will be issued with an 18-digit code beginning 'TYF935'. Code can be used straight away (if the child is of an eligible age). Once eligibility is confirmed, the child remains eligible until the term after their 3rd birthday. For the provider to claim for the child, the code must be used to 'link' the child to the headcount. A maximum of 15 hours per week can be claimed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply via Childcare Choices: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk If eligible, parent will be issued with an 11-digit number code (the same as a 30-hour code). Code can be used from the following term (e.g. if applied for in April, the code can be used from September – the same as a 30-hour code). Code must be re-confirmed with Childcare Choices every 3 months to ensure child remains eligible (the same as a 30-hour code). For the provider to claim for the child, the code must be checked using the 'Expanded/Extended Hours checker.' A maximum of 15 hours per week can be claimed.

- For both entitlements, the funding rate will be the same.
- For both entitlements, a child will be eligible from the term after their second birthday.
- If a child is eligible for both entitlements, providers will only be able to claim for one. 15 hours per week cannot be exceeded, so the child would not be able to receive both entitlements at separate providers.
- If a child is eligible for both entitlements, we would encourage you to use the 'disadvantaged/non-economic' entitlement, as the child will remain eligible until the term after their third birthday. With the 'working parent family' entitlement, there is a risk that a child could lose their eligibility – if a family's circumstances change or if a code is not reconfirmed.

Useful Guidance for Providers

- Applying for 'disadvantaged/non-economic' entitlement and linking an eligible child to your headcount: [Two Year Old Funding Checker Guidance – Suffolk Learning](#)
- Checking a 'working parent family' entitlement code: [Expanded/Extended Hours Checker Guidance – Suffolk Learning](#)