

We can help you claim your free hours and find a quality provider in your local area.

Find out more

Talk to your local childcare providers.

Or contact Walsall Council's dedicated team direct on 01922 653383
walsallfis@walsall.gov.uk
or apply online at www.mywalsall.org/fis



FREE

early learning:
when can your
child start?



We all want the best start for our children

We know that attending free early learning can make a big difference, your child can make friends, play and have fun, and learn and develop.

All children in Walsall can start the term after their third birthday.

You can take all or some of your 15 hours each week, start when you like, and choose which type of childcare you would like to use.

Some people use 12 hours a week over 48 weeks, others take their 15 hours during school term-times.

Whatever fits into your week.

If you are getting one of the things on this list get in touch as your 2 year old could get a free place:

- Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or both and earn less than £16,190
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through part 6 Immigration and Asylum Act

Children can also start earlier if:

- they're looked after by a local council
- they have a current statement of special educational needs or an education health and care plan
- they get Disability Living Allowance
- they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements or adoption order

Before you know it, your child could be going to a:

- Childminder
- Nursery
- Pre-school group
- Nursery school
- School

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