

 **Who qualifies?**

**Parents who meet the following eligibility criteria:**

* Income Support
* Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA)
* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
* Universal Credit with an earnings threshold of £15,400 before tax
* Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
* Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
* Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

 **A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:**

* They’re looked after by a local council
* They have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
* They get Disability Living Allowance
* They’ve left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

 **When can a child start?**

The child qualifies for free funding the term after their second birthday. The table below shows the dates and terms:

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| If your child is born between: | They will get their free place: |
| 1st January and 31st March | Summer term (after Easter - normally April) |
| 1st April and 31st August | Autumn term (in September) |
| 1st September and 31st December | Spring term (in January) |

**What can you do to help the parent?**

**Ring Families Information Service on: 01922 653383**

Give them a sticker with the number on