



Keyworth Primary School

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15 hours free childcare for two-year-olds

Dear Parents and Carers,

Early education benefits children's social, physical and mental development and helps them prepare for school. Evidence shows that regular and good quality early education has lasting benefits for all children.

Therefore, at Keyworth Primary School we are discussing the possibility of opening a 2 year old Nursery. The plan is for the Nursery to open in April 2019. We would like to begin by offering this provision to families who are **eligible for free childcare for two-year-olds**. This means families who apply, must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit – if you and your partner are on a low income from work (this usually means a combined income of less than £15,400 a year after 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
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Even if you are not receiving a qualifying benefit your 2-year-old can still get free 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

You can apply at emsonline.southwark.gov.uk to check if you are eligible.

If you're eligible, you'll need to take a copy of your confirmation message with your reference number to our school office.

The earliest you can apply for free childcare, is at the start of the term in which your child turns 2, but the childcare will not actually start until the beginning of the term after you apply.

Once you have been accepted as being eligible for free early years education (15 hours free childcare for two-year-olds), your child will continue to receive free childcare even if you have a change of circumstances, such as no longer qualifying for benefits.

If this is something that you feel you would be interested in please fill out the form below and return it to the school office. At this point this is an expression of interest form, so we gauge the number of parents who would be interested in applying.

I am interested in applying for the free 15hrs for 2 year olds.

Parent's name _____ Contact Number _____

Child's name _____ Childs DOB _____

Conformation reference number (if applicable at this time) _____