

# Swindon Borough Council Two Year Old Funding Engagement

DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) collate a list of households eligible for 2 year old funding.

Lists distributed week commencing	Covers families potentially eligible in periods beginning					
	1 Sept 16	1 Jan 17	1 Apr 17	1 Sept 17	1 Jan 18	1 Apr 18
5 September 2016						
7 November 2016						
2 January 2017						
6 March 2017						
3 April 2017						

The list is then sent to the local authority. The table on the left shows the week we receive the list and what term the children are eligible from.

The list is then cleansed to remove all children who have moved out of borough etc. A second cleanse is carried out to remove all those who have already applied. This is why it is vital that settings confirm placements with the local authority prior to any child starting a 2 year old funded place.



Golden Tickets – the Golden Tickets are sent to the eligible households the week following the list being received by the local authority. All families who receive a Golden Ticket are entitled to 2 year old funding and are encouraged to contact their chosen provider to take up a place. Providers must contact the local authority to confirm placement prior to offering a place.



(Please note if anybody does bring either a golden ticket or birthday card please call Hardeep Lyall or Frances James to confirm they are entitled to the funding)

**Birthday Cards –** Are sent around the date of the child's second birthday.  
These are addressed to the child directly and are designed to look like birthday cards however feature a FAQs section on the reverse and were put together following parent workshops held at nurseries.  
The birthday cards are confirmation of eligibility for the 2 year old funding in the same way Golden Tickets are.

**What is Early Education?**  
Early education for 2 year olds is a fun way for them to learn and develop, while playing with new friends...


**Why is it important?**  
It can give your child a head start in life.

**When and where can 2 year old children start early education?**  
From the term after their second birthday your child can have a FREE place.  
Early education for 2 year olds is offered by some pre-schools, day-nurseries and childminders. They will have been judged good or outstanding by Ofsted.

**To find out more:-** email [2yearolds@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:2yearolds@swindon.gov.uk)  
Call 07341 077583

**Happy Birthday**  
Now you are **2**

You are ready to start Early Education  
**It is fun!!!!**  
Do you like painting, reading, cooking, climbing, singing, dancing, dressing up, running around, building, playing in the garden?  
**Would you like to meet new friends?**  
Get your grown up to find out more...  
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**Questions other parents have asked....**

**How do I know if my child is ready, as they still seem so young?**  
Most children are ready to meet new friends and start learning different skills at 2, however lots of parents find the first few sessions difficult while they get used to time apart. Early education gives your child the best start in life, and there is a lot to talk about when you pick them up!

**We still use nappies/pull ups, does that mean my child isn't ready to start?**  
Children learn quickly from other children. Many start early education without being toilet trained, and are very proud when they learn to use the toilet like their friends.

**My child has been crying when I drop them off, so does that mean we should wait until they are a bit older?**  
When young children are in a new situation they often cry to let people know they are unsure. This is completely normal and the tears quickly stop when they start to have fun. 😊

**Look who's 2**



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### Door to Door engagement

Using the DWP list we can then target harder to reach families through door to door engagement.

In partnership with providers, these houses are visited to talk to families about the offer and what sessions could be available at their local setting.

To arrange engagement work in this way, please contact Hardeep Lyall directly 07823525441 / 01793 465812

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