

Criteria of eligibility for early education for two year old funding

Children are eligible the term following their second birthday.

To be eligible for funding, children must be born between 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010.

Children must not be currently accessing any other nursery education provision.



All families accessing the pilot MUST meet one or more from each section of the following criteria:

1. The family are in receipt of one or more of the following:
 - Income support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Housing Benefit
 - Council Tax Benefit
 - Child Tax Credit at a rate higher than the family element
 - Extra Working Tax Credit relating to a disability
 - Pension Credit
 - The family are in receipt of free school meals
2. The Parent/Guardian must also meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. from a black or other minority ethnic community
 - b. from a traveller family
 - c. from a family seeking asylum
 - d. family have experienced domestic abuse
 - e. live in poor home environment or temporary accommodation
 - f. have mental health difficulties or a disability
 - g. family have experienced alcohol/substance misuse
 - h. family of 3 or more children under 5
 - i. parent/guardian in prison
 - j. teenage parent
3. The child characteristics to include at least one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Child involved with social services or looked after child
 - b. Child on the child protection register
 - c. Child with a disability
 - d. Child with emotional or behavioural difficulties
 - e. Child with severe learning or development delay
 - f. Child with speech and language needs, including EAL (English as an additional language)
 - g. Children who have been identified as 'in need' through the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) will also be eligible.



Referrals made should be for a minimum of two terms; however priority will be given to those who are able to access their full entitlement of three terms. Referrals made for 1 term will not normally be considered.

Referrals must meet one or more criteria from each section.

Please ensure when completing the referral form that the family/child meet the above criteria. Any incomplete forms received will not be considered and will be returned to the original referrer.

Parents, providers and referrers will be informed in writing when funding is allocated and a placement has been secured.

