

Have you heard about 2gether funding?



What is 2gether?

You could be eligible to receive funding for up to 15 hours of childcare a week. Devon is part of a national scheme to offer flexible, free childcare places for two-year-olds living in households with low-incomes.

The 2gether scheme gives children the opportunity to make new friends and learn through play in one of our specially approved childcare settings, which include day nurseries, school nurseries, childminders and pre-schools.

Your child is eligible if your family is receiving certain benefits, has a household income under £16,190, or if your child has a disability, special educational need, is adopted or placed under a residency order. Free childcare places start the term after your child's second birthday, so don't miss out. Find out if you are eligible today.

Who can be part of 2gether?

Your child is eligible if the family is receiving any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) of no more than £16,190 per year
- Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) of no more than £16,190 per year
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payments received when someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Family supported through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- Or if your child:
 - receives Disability Living Allowance
 - has a current statement of special educational needs or an Education Health and Care plan
 - has left care through special guardianship, or an adoption or residence order.

What do I need to do?

To check your eligibility and apply, visit the [Devon CC 2gether online form](#).

Alternatively, phone **0345 155 1013** with your National Insurance number, date of birth, name and child's details. Parents and carers of children with additional needs, and foster and adoptive parents should discuss applying with either the child's social worker or the 2gether Programme Manager, call **01392 385537** or email rob.cornock@devon.gov.uk.



What do I do next?

We will send you a letter with our decision, usually within 5-10 working days. You will need to take this letter to your chosen childcare provider to make the childcare arrangements.

You can search online at www.devonfsd.info for Ofsted approved childcare providers near you, including childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and school nurseries.

If you need any help with this phone **0345 155 1013** or email discinfo@devon.gov.uk.

The 2gether funding will be paid directly to the provider. Most children will stay in the 2gether scheme until they go on to the Early Years Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds.

When can my child access the free childcare?

Child born between	Entitled from
1 April and 31 August	start of the autumn term after their second birthday until the end of the following summer term
1 September and 31 December	start of the spring term after their second birthday until the end of the following autumn term
1 January and 31 March	start of the summer term after their second birthday until the end of the following spring term