Nottingham City Council

Early Learning Programme for 2 Year Olds

The following information highlights key information on the delivery of funded places for 2 year olds in the city. Please ensure all staff members responsible for the management, delivery and administration of funded places for 2 year olds within your setting have access to this document.

Eligibility criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and have a household annual income not over £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190 a year
- Child is looked after by the Local Authority (e.g. foster care)
- The child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order
- The child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- The child attracts Disability Living Allowance

Eligibility is checked through the **Families Information Service (FIS)** via the Governments Eligibility Checking Service (ECS).

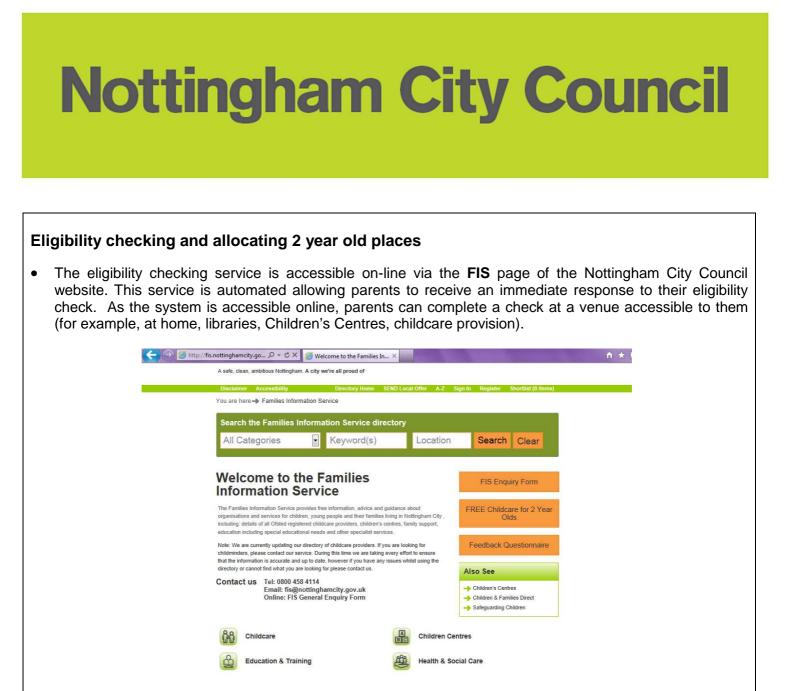
Additional evidence will be required for children qualifying under the criteria highlighted above in blue (not economic criteria). Please contact the FIS who will advise on the types of evidence which will be accepted.

Families Information Service Tel: 0800 458 4114 Email: <u>fis@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</u> Website: <u>www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/fis</u>









- If eligible, parents will receive a confirmation letter from FIS which must be presented to their chosen childcare provider. A copy of the eligibility letter must be retained by the chosen childcare provider as this may be requested as part of an Early Years Funding Audit.
- The childcare provider will aim to accommodate the parents' choice of sessions (up to 15 hours per week) where possible and arrange a settling-in period for the child.
- As with the current procedures, if childcare providers are unable to offer a place to an eligible child due to capacity, please refer the family back to the Families Information Service or to alternative funded childcare provision in your area.

