

A good time
to be 2

Free Childcare For Qualifying Families

Your 2 year-old child may qualify for a place at a nursery or childminder, free to you and funded by the Scottish Government. If you are on certain benefits or tax credits such as Universal Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Income Support etc. you could be eligible.



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How to apply:

- You can find out more and download the form at www.midlothian.gov.uk/good-time-2
- Pick up a form from Midlothian Council's Buccleuch House, Midlothian House or Fairfield House in Dalkeith or from one of the early learning providers, a list of which you can find at www.midlothian.gov.uk/good-time-2
- Call **0131 271 3400** for an application form or to find out more

The benefits to you and your child:

- High quality early learning and childcare can have significant benefits for children's social, emotional and educational skills throughout their lives.
- Access to childcare is an important factor and these extra hours may be useful if you are looking to start, continue or increase work or enter training or education.

From August 2020, up to 1140 hours is available, up from 600 hours pre August 2020. Please turn over for more details on the 1140 hours.



1140 hours
expansion

1140 Hours Of Free Early Learning & Childcare

From August 2020, eligible 2 year-old children and all 3 and 4 year-old children in Scotland will be entitled to 1140 hours of free, high quality early learning and childcare per year. This could be at a childminders or private, voluntary or council nursery. The hours are funded by the Scottish Government.



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Learning communities

There are four learning communities (Dalkeith, Lasswade, Newbattle, Penicuik), each including council, private and voluntary sector nurseries and childminders. From August 2020, each learning community will offer you choices of how to use the hours. For example:

- 6 hours per day, 5 days per week throughout the school sessions
- Some or all hours at a childminder
- Morning or afternoon sessions of 4 hours 35 mins, 5 days a week over 50 weeks

- 2 full days per week over 50 weeks plus 14 Fridays (10 hours) (Mon/ Tues or Wed/Thurs)
- Each session can be up to 10 hours long. Council settings will have fixed session start and end times but private nurseries, those run by the voluntary sector as well as childminders may be more flexible.

Find out more:

- www.midlothian.gov.uk/early-learning
- Email: childcareinformationteam@midlothian.gov.uk
- Call: 0131 271 3754

