

Services for Young Children

Parents/Carers Update – September 2021

Included this month: Funded early years education places, disabled child benefits, the Twins Trust

Early years education places continue to be funded



Unfortunately, many parents have lost income or their jobs during the pandemic; but Government funded early years education places for [eligible 2-year-olds](#) and [all 3- and 4-year-olds](#) has continued to be available. Early years education provides socialisation and support with learning and development for children through play; as well as enabling parents to care for others, study or train, job hunt, volunteer, etc. Other funding such as the *Early Years Pupil Premium*, *Disability Access and SEN Inclusion funding* may be available to support the childcare provider with your child's placement if appropriate. For help in applying and other queries, contact [Services for Young Children](#).

For parents who are working or are on low incomes, you may be able to receive help with childcare costs through *Universal Credit (or Tax Credits)*, *30 Hours childcare* or *Tax-Free Childcare*. Further details are available from [Childcare Choices](#).

Wondering what benefits you can claim to help support your disabled child?

The [Turn2Us benefits calculator](#) helps you find out what benefits and other sources of financial help you might be entitled to. It helps to have the following to hand when using the calculator:

- Your earnings and savings, and any other investments or capital you might have.
- Any benefits you already claim for the adults and children in your home.
- Your annual council tax bill.
- Your rent or mortgage payments.



You can also get in touch with [Contact's helpline](#) for advice and support about benefits and financial help and any other concern or question you might have about your disabled child.

Twins Trust



Twins Trust Offer help, information and tips online, over the [phone/email](#), or via [Twinline](#) of multiple birth families. They also run a [unique service](#) which helps families in desperate need.

They run [antenatal and parenting courses](#) throughout the country and manage an active social networking community with [closed Facebook groups](#) for single parents, families with children who have special educational needs, grandparents and those who have sadly been [bereaved](#).

They have also developed the first ever registry for [Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome](#) so they can learn more about this terrible condition and funded development of the [world-first twin pregnancy growth chart](#).

For further details visit: [Twins Trust - We support twins, triplets and more...](#)