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Early Learning and Childcare: Strong Starts 2022/23

Strong Start places are 1140 hours of free Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 2-year-olds. Strong Start places are available to 2-year-olds who meet the Scottish Government criteria (detailed below):

- 🌸 Income Support (IS)
 - 🌸 Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
 - 🌸 Any income-related element of Employment and Support Allowance
 - 🌸 Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,480*
 - 🌸 Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC) and your income is less than £7,320*
 - 🌸 You may also be eligible if you are an asylum seeker receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - 🌸 Universal Credit where the monthly earned income does not exceed £610
 - 🌸 Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance
 - 🌸 State Pension Credit
- * The income thresholds for CTC and WTC can vary annually

Your 2-year-old may be eligible from the point that they are looked after under a kinship care order, or with a parent-appointed guardian. Parents who have received this type of care experience may also be eligible for a place for their 2-year-old. Further advice is available from your allocated Social Worker or you should make an enquiry via the contact details below.

To check if your child may be eligible for a Strong Start place, search [Perth & Kinross Council Strong Starts](#), contact **01738 476200** or email ELCApplications@pkc.gov.uk

