

Are you claiming a funded place for your 2 year old at a local nursery, pre-school or with a childminder?

If not, your child is missing out on lots of fun, early learning and development benefits such as:

- improving children's speaking, language and listening skills
- preparing children to start school, by helping them to understand what is expected of them and gets them used to daily routines
- helping children to make new friends and builds their confidence
- encouraging children to be active and develop physically through fun and play both indoors and out

And if you qualify, it's paid for by the government, so shouldn't cost you anything to take your child along!

Perhaps Grandparents or other extended family members are caring for your child during the day?

That's no problem, family are the most important people in a child's early life and they can still be involved. A funded place offers up to 15 hours

per week (570 hours per year) but feel free to take your time. If you want to ease your child into early learning by taking up less than 15 hours per week to start with, you can. Most pre-schools, nurseries and childminders are flexible and can offer different times and hours to suit you. Doing this can help your child to 'settle in', help reduce any concerns you may have as a parent and ease the pressure on grandparents a little too!

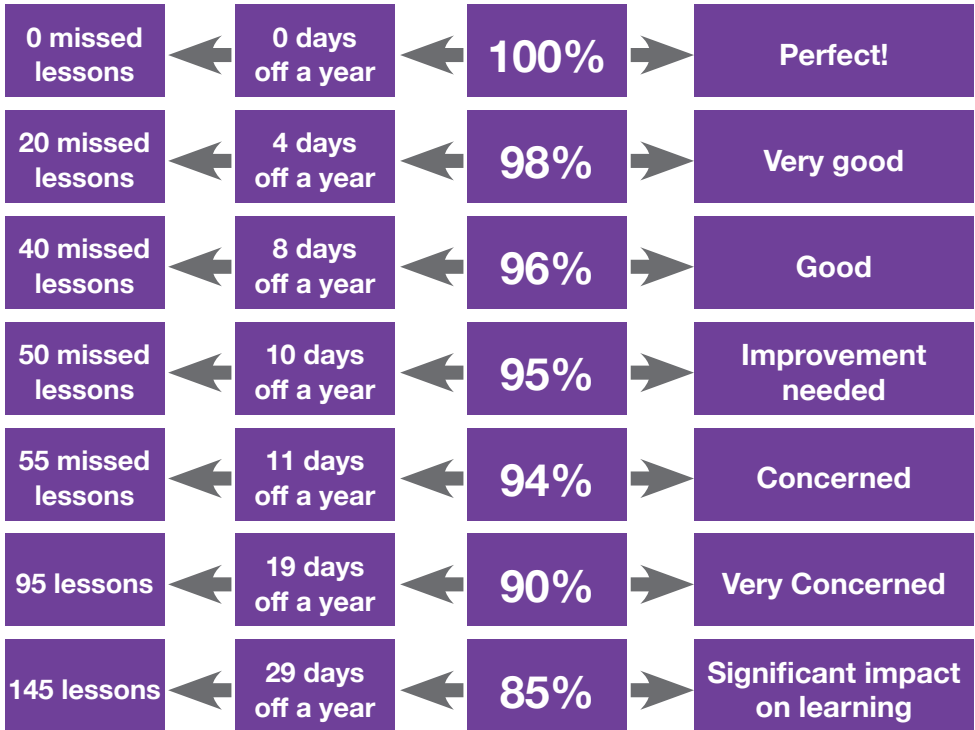
Even if you are currently not working, don't let your child miss out, take up their place today!

Find out more and check if your child is eligible at lancashire.gov.uk/childcare or speak to one of our local community education officers: Neetal Parekh (Preston), Ahmed Ali (Hyndburn & Rossendale) & Apu Chowdhury (Burnley & Pendle) – 01282 682275 [@equalityanddiversity](https://www.facebook.com/equalityanddiversity) [@lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.twitter.com/equalityanddiversity)



It's not ok to be away!

There is no entitlement in law for term-time extended absences, whether these are to visit relatives, attend weddings or funerals, or just for a holiday.



The impact on your child...

Your child misses out on valuable learning when they are absent, which may never be made up. This is true for children at nursery, throughout primary right up to the end of secondary school.

Children with **good** attendance perform better than those with **poor** attendance.

Your child's Primary education is just as important as their Secondary Education. Early Years lay the foundation.

Taking your child out of education teaches disrespect for the importance of learning.

Children often have social difficulties when they return after an extended absence. Friendships may have moved on and their self-confidence and well-being can be affected.

Please support your child's future by ensuring you do not take them out of school during term time.