

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

**1) How many two-year-olds within your local authority area are currently eligible for the "free early education for two-year-olds from lower income households" offer (most recent figures)? Please provide the source for each figure given.**

We currently have funding for 1122 two year olds to receive free early education. This figure has been designated by the DfE and is an estimate of the number of children in lower income households in Leicester.

**2) How many (funded) two-year-old places are available within your local authority area (most recent figures)?**

There are currently 1746 places available across the city. (Figure is based on the number of providers who are signed up to deliver, and the number of places each provider has informed us they can deliver.)

**3) How many places have been taken up by eligible two-year-olds (most recent figures)?**

This calendar year to date, approximately 800 children have taken up the offer. This figure is approximate, as the headcount data which is required to provide an accurate figure is not yet available for this term. (Figure is a combination of headcount data from previous terms and recent contact with providers.)

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