case study 2: boiler replacement





Your boiler is in need of urgent repair. The total cost is £2,000, you don't have any savings available so you need to borrow the money. You would like to pay this back within 12 months.

Let's explore some of the options available for borrowing this money.



personal loan.

Typically offered at a lower interest rate than a credit card – this is a good option if you don't have a credit card with an interest free offer.

Check to see what interest rates and charges apply and compare them to an authorised overdraft.

Learn more by watching our **Personal Loans** video.



credit card.

If you don't already have a credit card you may have time to apply for one.

If you have a credit card which is within an interest free purchase period — this may allow you to borrow the money and pay it back without being charged any interest.

If you have a credit card that does not have an interest free purchase period, or you do not repay within the interest free purchase period you will be charged interest.

Learn more by watching our **Credit cards** video.



overdraft

Arrange an authorised overdraft with your bank or building society before you go overdrawn – this can usually be arranged online or by phone and can normally be accessed immediately.

You'll need to check that your bank or building society will lend you the amount you need to borrow.

You're normally charged interest for every day that you use your overdraft.

This is a large amount of money to borrow as an overdraft, so you'll need to think about how you'll pay back the money to prevent paying more interest.

Learn more by watching our **Types of Borrowing** video.



always remember.

Try to use savings or other available funds before borrowing money. Think - Can you afford to pay back the money? Click here to use the Money Advice Service budgeting tool



