

Tax Free Childcare

- For working families, including the self-employed, in the UK
- With children under 12 (or under 17 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

If you're a working parent with children under 12 (or under 17 for disabled children), you can open an online account to pay for registered childcare.

The government will top-up the money you pay into the account. For every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2. You can receive **up to £2,000 per child per year** - that's up to £500 every three months. If you have a disabled child, you can receive up to £4,000 per child - that's up to £1,000 every three months.

Am I eligible?

You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £125 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You **can't** get Tax-Free Childcare if **either** you, or your partner, each **individually** expect to earn £100,000 or more.

How can I benefit?

You can use Tax-Free Childcare all year round to help pay:

- Registered childminders, nurseries and nannies
- Registered after-school clubs and playschemes
- Registered schools
- Home careworkers working for a registered home care agency

You can use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as:

- <u>15 hours free childcare</u>
- <u>30 hours free childcare</u>

You **can't** use it with:

- Universal Credit
- Tax Credits
- Childcare Vouchers (closed to new entrants)

How do I apply?

You can apply via childcarechoices.gov.uk

You, and your partner, if you have one will need your:

- National Insurance Number
- Details of one or more of the following your UK Passport, tax credits, P60 or recent payslip.

In some cases, additional checks may be needed to confirm whether you're eligible, so its important to apply in good time.

Please let Kate Drew, Nursery Manager know if you wish to pay part or all of your Nursery fees this way.