

Help working families save money on childcare bills with Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare supports working families, including the self-employed, with childcare costs. If a working parent or carer is earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week on average and up to £100,000 per annum, they may be eligible to get £500 every three months or up to £2,000 a year per child towards their childcare costs. If their child has a disability, they may be eligible for £1,000 every three months up to £4,000 a year per child.

Parents can use Tax-Free Childcare to pay for childcare including:

- childminders, pre-schools, nurseries and nannies
- playschemes, before and after school clubs, and holiday clubs.

What you can do to encourage take up of Tax-Free Childcare

- Find out the families in your area who are not using Tax Free Childcare and support them to understand its benefits and how to apply for it
- Update your website with information about Tax Free Childcare. Include links to useful sources of information such as:
 - [Childcare choices](#) – to help parents decide what is the best childcare offer for them
 - [Childcare Calculator](#) – so they can understand which offer works best for them financially
 - [Tax-Free Childcare](#) page on gov.uk - to give them up-to-date information on eligibility criteria and how to apply
- Encourage childcare providers in your area to sign up to the scheme. Tax Free Childcare may support the growth of their business by making childcare more accessible and affordable for working parents.

