

Did you know you can use **Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for before and after school childcare?

For more, talk to your child's school or your local authority's Family Information Service.

Childcare Choices

Help for Households



Working parents of Primary School aged children who are accessing before and after school childcare (also known as wraparound provision) can use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare to help pay for Breakfast and After School childcare.

Tax-Free Childcare can be used by working families with children aged 0-11 years and earning under £100k and at least £167 per week, and who aren't receiving Universal Credit or Tax Credits. For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2000 per child per year.

Universal Credit Childcare can be used by working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17 years old. Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs can be reclaimed. Parents will need to speak to their work coach for more information.

To find out more information and sign up to Tax-Free Childcare visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) or scan the QR code



Existing childcare support packages - 1/2

The eligibility criteria of the different forms of government childcare support packages that parents can access are as follows:

Tax-Free Childcare

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **at least £183** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 they pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year (or up to £4,000 per child if disabled)**

Can be accessed through your registered providers and childminders who have activated their Tax-Free Childcare accounts.

Universal Credit Childcare

- For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, and Wales**. Northern Ireland has separate arrangements. Eligibility criteria apply
- **Both parents working** – unless one of the allowable exceptions is met
- With **children usually under 17 (including disabled)**
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs can be reclaimed
- Upfront support is available to fund your first month's payment. Ask your work coach for more information
- Tax-Free Childcare is not available if also claiming Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers

Can be accessed through registered providers or childminders.

