

Southampton Family Information Service

Help paying for childcare

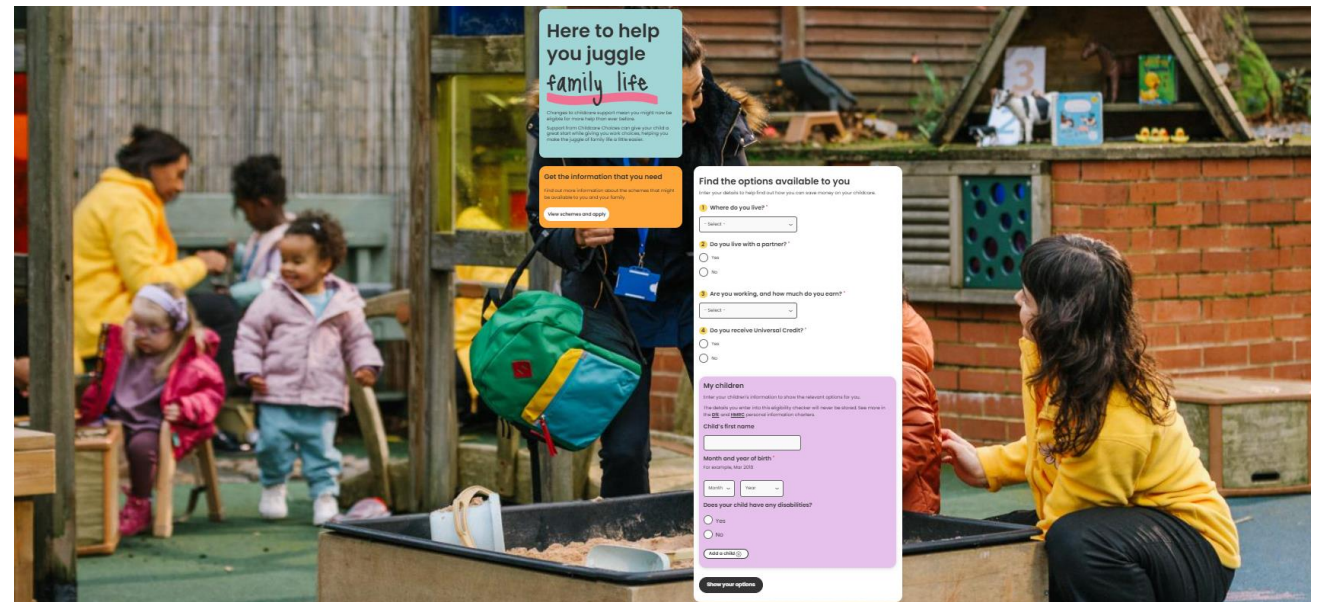
Find the Right Childcare Option for you by using the Childcare eligibility checker. This includes information about:

- WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE
- TAX FREE CHILDCARE
- CHILDCARE ELEMENT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT
- NURSERY EDUCATION FUNDING

Find out about the schemes that might be available to you and your family at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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Wraparound Childcare

What is wraparound childcare?

- Wraparound childcare is before and after school childcare for primary school aged children in England.
- The provision typically runs from around **8am until 6pm**, during term time, either on a school site or another local setting such as a community centre, a nursery, or a childminder.
- This is different from out-of-school activities, or school clubs, which are less frequent and can be a one-off activity.

How do I pay for wraparound childcare?

- Providers will set their own fees for wraparound places, so prices will vary. Once you have chosen a provider, you would pay them directly for your child's place.
- If you are eligible, you will be able to use **Tax-Free Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for your place. You might also be able to get help with your initial upfront childcare costs. Check what support is available to you by using the **childcare**

Help paying for Childcare if you claim Universal Credit



- Help with up to 85% of your childcare costs with Universal Credit, depending on your income
- **Both parents must be working** – unless one of the allowable exceptions is met
- With **children usually under 17 (including disabled)**
- Cannot use alongside Tax-Free Childcare or childcare vouchers
- The maximum amount per month is:
£1014.63 for one child
£1739.37 for two or month children
- Can be used for holiday clubs, after school clubs and breakfast clubs

An advertisement for Childcare Choices. The background is a teal color. On the right side, there is a photograph of a woman in an orange high-visibility vest holding a clipboard and looking upwards. The text on the left is white and yellow. At the top left is the HM Government logo. At the top right is a small box that says 'Help for Households'. The main text asks 'Looking to return to work or increase your hours?' with 'return to work' and 'increase your hours' highlighted in yellow. Below this, it says 'Help with upfront childcare costs is now available'. At the bottom left, it says 'Find out more at' followed by a black button with the text 'childcarechoices.gov.uk'. At the bottom right, the 'Childcare Choices' logo is displayed.

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HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



HOW TO USE TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

For every £8 you pay in, the government will automatically add £2, up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children)

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CHECK YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

Find out more about eligibility on www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

You **can't** use Tax-Free
Childcare together with:

- X Tax Credits
- X Universal Credit
- X Childcare Vouchers

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APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Apply at www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

If eligible, you'll get an online
childcare account.

[Watch this video](#) to find out more
about how to apply.

3

PAY MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT

You can deposit money into your
childcare account using a debit card,
but it's quicker by standing order or
bank transfer. We'll add the
government top up automatically
and you can use this money when it
shows as 'available'.

4

SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Your childcare provider(s)
must sign up to receive Tax-Free
Childcare payments.

5

PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)

Use the money in your childcare
account, including the government
top up, to make one off or regular
payments to your childcare
provider(s).

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RECONFIRM

To continue getting the government
top-up, you'll need to confirm your
details are up to date every 3
months. We'll send a reminder when
you need to do this.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. Providers must be registered with HMRC to receive payments.

What you can use Tax-Free Childcare for

You can use it to pay for [approved childcare](#), for example:

Ofsted registered childminders, nurseries and nannies, **after school clubs** and play schemes

Details of all childcare providers in Southampton can be found on the Southampton Services Directory at www.southampton.gov.uk/directory/families

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