

# Help with Childcare



We can help you with your Childcare costs to remove the barriers preventing you from accepting a job offer or starting self-employment.

You may be able to claim up to 85 per cent of your childcare costs if you're eligible for Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers allowance or Employment and Support Allowance and some other qualifying benefits.

The amounts you could receive:

- Up to £951 per month for one child
- Up to £1630 per month for two or more children

## Childcare support is paid in arrears because we pay for the hours that you have used.

As extra support to help you start work we can help you fund the upfront costs up to a month until you get paid! We will usually ask you to report your childcare costs online.

Depending upon the age of your child you could receive free government childcare funding. We usually pay the difference between your free entitlements and the cost of your childcare.

There is lots of support available and we would always recommend that you speak to your local family information service / family hub to find out what you are entitled to. (see Additional Support overleaf).

## Upfront childcare costs

Upfront childcare costs are any costs that you incur in relation to childcare between starting work and receiving your first wage. Examples include:

- Parents starting work
- Deposits / one off advance payment
- Retainer to secure a place
- Taster / settling in sessions
- Up-front fees in advance of the childcare being provided
- Work related training

You may be entitled to\*:

- **£250 per week for one child** (up to a daily limit of £50)
- **£375 per week for two or more children** (up to a daily limit of £75)
- There are forms that must be completed before we can release the funds, so do not agree to anything until you have checked with your Work Coach
- Payments are made directly to the childcare provider

\*for upfront childcare costs

## Types of childcare we will pay for

We will pay for childcare provided by any registered or approved childcare provider such as :

- Nurseries
- Child Minders
- Day care services
- School-based care
- Holiday play schemes
- Or a combination of any of these





# Additional Support

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**Choices**



Free Childcare and guidance at  
**Childcare Choices**  
[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



**GOV.UK 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).

[www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)



## Where to find childcare providers

**Surrey Family  
Information  
Service**



**Surrey Family Information Services – Surrey based childcare**  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families)



**West Sussex Childcare options**  
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/childcare-options-and-funding/childcare-options/>



**Brighton & Hove Family Services**  
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/family-service-directory>



**East Sussex Childcare help**  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/finding-childcare>



**Childcare.co.uk - A directory of UK childcare with reviews**  
[www.Childcare.co.uk](http://www.Childcare.co.uk)



**Gov.uk - Find before and after school and holiday clubs**  
[www.gov.uk/after-school-holiday-club](http://www.gov.uk/after-school-holiday-club)

**Speak to your local Jobcentre to find out more.**