



Tax-Free Childcare

Smart Zone is signed up for Tax-Free Childcare, we are a regulated provider and eligible to receive payments from this scheme.

Tax-Free Childcare is a new online government service to help working parents with the cost of their childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account HM Government will pay in an extra £2, up to a maximum of £2000 every year for each child, or £4000 for disabled children. The scheme will be available for children under the age of 12, or under 17 for children with disabilities.

To qualify, parents will have to be in work, and each expecting to earn at least £120 a week. Each parent must not have income over £100,000 per year.

Tax-Free Childcare was introduced on 21 April 2017 and will be gradually rolled out over 2017, with parents of children aged under four (on 31 August), and parents of disabled children (aged under 17) able to enter the scheme first.

All eligible parents will be able to join the scheme by the end of 2017.

Parents will pay providers directly from their childcare accounts. Using the online service parents can select a childcare provider and make payments directly into the providers bank account.

Parents will be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare at the same time, through a single online service.

For further information please go to:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> and use the childcare calculator to weigh up which offer is best for you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know> for some top tips on this scheme.