



NOTICE FROM BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

How Tax-Free Childcare can help working families

Please share the headline message to families and parents that by visiting the Childcare Choices website they will be able to find out if they could get Tax-Free Childcare.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Tax Free Childcare is available to over a million working families, including many who don't get other types of government support. This can result in 20% of the families childcare costs for each child. The website includes a childcare calculator which parents can use to work out how much financial support they could get.

To continue to get Tax-Free Childcare, parents must check and reconfirm their details with HMRC every 3 months. Reconfirmation is simple and quick to do. It is parents' responsibility to reconfirm on time, although they will get a reminder email from the childcare service.

Reconfirmation of eligibility

Parents who already have a 30 hours free childcare entitlement code and/or Tax-Free Childcare must reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months. It is parents' responsibility to reconfirm on time. Parents will be prompted via email by HMRC four weeks before their reconfirmation deadline, and again two weeks before the deadline, if they have not reconfirmed, providers should ask parents to look in their spam email folders if they think they have not received a reminder from HMRC and ensure the email account associated with their childcare account is the correct one. Parents can also simply set themselves a 3 monthly reminder to reconfirm in their childcare account, for example using the 'reminders' feature in their smart phone if they have one. Parents who have successfully reconfirmed their eligibility will receive a message to that effect from HMRC. Parents should be reminded to share this confirmation of eligibility email with their provider.