

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update – October 2017

Included this month: Tax-Free Childcare, Fatherhood Institute, 2YO Early Years Education, Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Funding

### Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a new government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare. Parents will be able to open an online account, which they can use to pay for childcare from a registered provider.

For every £8 a parent pays in, the government will pay in an extra £2. Parents can receive up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs, or £4,000 for disabled children.



The scheme will be available for children up to the age of 12, or 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. The scheme is being rolled out gradually, with parents of the youngest children able to apply first. Parents will be able to apply for all their children at the same time when their youngest child becomes eligible. All eligible parents will be able to join the scheme by the end of 2017.

To sign up for Tax-Free Childcare visit the Gov.UK website: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>



The **Fatherhood Institute** is a charity whose work focuses on policy, research and practice. Their vision is of a society in which there's **a great dad for every child**.

Check out their website: <http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/> where you can [sign up](#) for their monthly e-newsletter.

### Are you a parent of a two, three or four year old?

Free Early Years Education is available to some 2 year olds, and all 3 and 4 years olds in nurseries, pre-schools and with childminders. To check if your child is eligible for the 2 Year Old funding visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/freechildcare/2yearoldoffer>



For parents of 3 and 4 year olds already receiving the free early years placement, see if your family is eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) – funding for childcare providers to support the delivery of services for children in their care: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/freechildcare/earlyyears pupilpremium>

For any 3 or 4 year olds who are in receipt of [disability living allowance \(DLA\)](#), Ofsted registered childcare services are eligible to receive [disability access funding \(DAF\)](#), which is £615 per child per year. The funding goes towards supporting children to access their early years education. Let your provider know if your child receives DLA.