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Dear Parent/carer

Tax-Free Childcare

You may already be aware that this year the government is introducing Tax-Free Childcare, a new UK-wide scheme to help working parents pay for childcare.

What is Tax-Free Childcare?

Parents will be able to open an online childcare account, which they will use to pay for their childcare directly.

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 offer will be available for children up to the age of 12, or 17 for children who are disabled.

To qualify, both parents will have to be in work, and each expecting to earn at least £115 a week – and not more than £100,000 each year.

Tax-Free Childcare can be used to pay for various forms of childcare including paid for school based care such as our own breakfast and after-school clubs.

What happens next?

Tax-Free Childcare will be gradually rolled-out to parents during 2017 and all eligible parents will be able to join the scheme by the end of 2017 – you can register to receive e-mail updates at <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest/welcome>

Once the scheme is introduced, parents will be able to sign up online at <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

For more information parents can visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>