



BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

Signing up for the 15 or 30 hours Funded Early Education Funding

You will be able to apply for both the 15 and 30 hour offer as well as Tax Free Childcare using a single application online via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you wish to check if you are eligible please look on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

To complete the application you will need to provide details such as your name, address and National Insurance number as well as whether you expect to meet the income requirements over the next 3 months and whether you are in receipt of any benefits. If you live with a partner you will need to provide the same information for them as well. This will enable HMRC to decide whether your child is eligible for the 15 and 30 hours offer (as well as Tax Free Childcare).

If you are eligible, you will be given an 11 digit code that you will need to take to your childcare provider along with your National Insurance number and your child's birth certificate. Your provider can then use the government eligibility checking system to check that the code is valid. If it is, then they will be able to book your child's place.

You will need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months and will receive a reminder text or email message from the government before the deadline.



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Tax free Childcare

Tax free childcare is a government scheme that allows all eligible parents of children under 12 or 17 if your child has a disability – to open an online account to pay for childcare. For every £80 you pay in the government will pay in an extra £20.

You can save up to £10,000 in a tax free childcare account (£8,000 that you have paid in and £2,000 that the government has paid in) or up to £20,000 (£16,000 that you have paid in and £4,000 that the government has paid in) if your child has a disability.

The eligibility criteria for tax free childcare is broadly the same as for the 30 hour offer. You can only use tax free childcare to pay registered providers.

It is important to note that while you can use tax free childcare alongside the 30 hours offer (or 15 hour offer), you can't use it at the same time as:

- Childcare vouchers
- Universal Credit
- Tax credits

More information on this can be found on the government's Childcare Choices Website – www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.