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Dear families,

Tax-Free Childcare payments now available for Brownlow Wraparound Care

We are pleased to inform you that the Brownlow before and after school club Tax-Free Childcare provider account is now fully set up and ready to accept payments. To send your childcare fees through the government portal, please log into your Tax-Free Childcare account and search using the following details:

- **Provider Name:** Brownlow Primary School
- **Postcode:** LE13 1QL
- **Regulator Reference Number:** 140702

Important Note: Once you have linked the school account to your childcare account, you will still need to manually authorise a payment each time fees are due. Payments usually take 1 to 2 working days to clear into the MET bank account. Government vouchers and employer schemes are also accepted.

Attached is some useful information regarding tax free childcare and some frequently asked questions.

If you have any other questions or queries then please email wraparound@brownlowprimary.org, as the school is currently closed for the summer holidays, a response can't be guaranteed until the 24th August 26.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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What is Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare can help with the cost of paying for childcare. You'll need to set up a childcare account, which both you and the government will pay into. You can then use this money to pay your childcare provider.

For every £8 you pay into the account, the government will top it up by £2. The total top up you can get for each child is £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year). This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if your child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

You'll usually need to be working (or returning to work) and your child must be 11 or younger (16 or younger if they're disabled).

If you already get Tax-Free Childcare

You can [sign in to your childcare account](#) to confirm your details are up to date and pay your childcare provider.

What you can use Tax-Free Childcare for

You can use it to pay for:

- childminders, nurseries and nannies
- after school clubs, play schemes and holiday clubs

You must use an 'approved childcare' provider to get Tax-Free childcare, so your provider must be one of the following:

- a registered childminder, nanny, playscheme, nursery or club
- a childminder or nanny with a registered childminder agency or childcare agency
- a registered school
- a home care worker working for a registered home care agency

You can get help with the cost of childcare through:

- Tax-Free Childcare
- Free Childcare for Working Parents

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Childcare at school

[Tax-Free Childcare](#) can help with paying for care that is outside school hours, for example after school clubs or breakfast clubs.

If your child has not started primary school, you can get help paying for childcare provided by a school. This includes nursery school fees.

You cannot get help paying for:

- your child's compulsory education
- private lessons during school time (for example, private music lessons during school hours)

You cannot claim [Free Childcare for Working Parents](#) for care outside school hours if your child is attending a state-funded school nursery or reception class.

Childcare vouchers and other employer schemes

The following schemes are closed to new applicants:

- childcare vouchers
- childcare your employer arranges with a provider (known as 'directly contracted childcare')

If you joined one of these schemes on or before 4 October 2018 you might be able to keep getting vouchers or directly contracted childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare

You cannot continue to claim childcare vouchers or directly contracted childcare if you successfully apply for Tax-Free Childcare.

Which scheme you're better off with depends on your situation. Use the [childcare calculator](#) to work out which type of support is best for you.

You must tell your employer within 90 days if you get Tax-Free Childcare. They'll then stop giving you new vouchers or directly contracted childcare.

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You can continue to use any vouchers you already have, including to make a joint payment for childcare with Tax-Free Childcare. There's no deadline for using your vouchers or directly contracted childcare.

Once you've told your employer that you're getting Tax-Free Childcare, you cannot rejoin their voucher scheme or their directly contracted childcare scheme.

Tax and employer childcare schemes

You do not have to pay tax and National Insurance on:

- childcare vouchers, if you joined a scheme and your wages were adjusted on or before 4 October 2018
- directly contracted childcare, if you joined a scheme and your wages were adjusted on or before 4 October 2018
- workplace nurseries

You must pay tax and National Insurance on:

- cash your employer gives you to pay for childcare
- childcare provider's fees your employer pays
- school fees your employer pays

Useful Links

<https://www.gov.uk/get-childcare> How to find childcare

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/tax-free-childcare/faq/> Best Start in Life

<https://childcare.beststartinlife.gov.uk/providers> Find a Childcare Provider#

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/tax-free-childcare/#needtoknows> Money Saving Expert – Need to Know

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