

Tax-Free Childcare - How to Save 20%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know you can get a **20% discount** on your after-school club fees through the government's **Tax-Free Childcare** scheme?

Many parents don't realise that this scheme isn't just for nurseries—it covers wraparound school care, breakfast clubs and holiday camps too. If you are eligible, the government will effectively give you free money to help pay for your child's space with us.

How It Works

Think of it as an online childcare bank account. For every **£8** you pay into the account, the government instantly adds **£2**.

- **The Benefit:** If your after-school bill is £100, you only pay £80, and the government tops up the remaining £20.
- **The Limit:** You can get up to **£2,000 per child, per year** in free top-ups (or up to £4,000 if your child is disabled).

Is My Family Eligible?

Most working families qualify. You are usually eligible if:

- Your child is **11 or under**.
- You (and your partner, if you have one) are in work (employed or self-employed).
- You each earn at least **£203 per week**, but **neither** of you earns more than £100,000 a year.

Note on Universal Credit & Legacy Vouchers: You cannot use this scheme if you are currently claiming Universal Credit or the old-style paper/electronic "Childcare Vouchers" from your employer.

How to Pay Us: A Step-by-Step Guide

1.Check your eligibility: Takes 5 mins.

Go to **GOV.UK** <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> to verify your eligibility and open your online account using your Government Gateway ID.

2.Link your account to our club: Important Step.

Log into your new childcare account portal. Search for our after-school club to link it as your registered provider. You can find us using our name: **Micklands Primary School RG4 6LU** or our registration number: **109926**

3.Top up your balance: Allow a few hours.

Transfer your portion of the fees from your regular bank account into the government portal. The 20% government top-up usually lands in your childcare account within a few hours.

4.Send the payment to us: Final Action.

Once the full amount is visible in your childcare portal, click "Pay Provider" to send the money to us, just like a standard online bank transfer. Please allow 1-3 days for the payment to appear in your MagicBooking account.

⚠ One Important Reminder: Reconfirm Every 3 Months

Once your account is set up, the government requires you to log back into your portal **every 3 months** to tick a box confirming your details haven't changed. If you miss the deadline, your 20% top-ups will pause automatically, so please look out for their email reminders!

If you have any questions about how to link your account to us or need help finding our provider details, please reply directly to this message or speak to the school office.