



Our MD, Sarah Bellamy shares ways on how to help you save on your childcare costs.

We are happy to help you get free hours or discounted childcare and can discuss all the options available and show you how to apply and take advantage of the many options that are available to parents. We have outlined the main schemes below; some local councils may also have local schemes available to support families in their areas.

For Working Parents

If you sign up for a government childcare account, you can get 20% discount straight away, saving up to £2,000 a year on childcare costs. www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare

This replaces the original childcare voucher scheme but if you have already signed up to a voucher provider you may still qualify through this scheme.

In addition, at the start of the term after your child turns 3, you can also get up to 30 free hours. The good news is both savings can apply at the same time.

For parents if your child is three or four-years-old you can get up to 30 hours/week. All three and four-year-olds qualify for a government grant for 570 hours a year childcare the term after your child turns 3. Working families can also claim an additional grant for a further 570 hours a year.

Basic entitlement will offer 11 hours/week all year round or 15 hours/week at our nurseries that offer the term time only option.

If you qualify for the extended childcare you would get either 22 hours/week all year round or 30 hours/week at our nurseries that offer the term time only option.

To get the free 15 hours, after you sign a parental agreement, we can apply on your behalf.

For the extra 15 hours, you can apply for the extra hours' free childcare. If you are approved, you will receive a code to give to our nursery manager. You will get the extra hours once the next term starts. www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare

To qualify for the extra hours, you need to earn a minimum of the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the national min wage and less than £100,000/year. This applies to total earnings for both parents in a couple. If one parent does not work, you would only qualify for the first 15 hours.

Councils have their own cut-off points for application on their websites – usually these are 31 December for the spring term, 31 March for the summer term and 31 August for the autumn term.

Like other full day care providers, we offer our parents the flexibility to choose when they take their government grant sessions and to participate in any extracurricular activities or



trips, for a small additional charge. Meals are also charged in addition to these funded hours.

For parents that find it hard to cover any additional charges please enquire with your nursery manager for extra options that are available for affordable childcare.

Universal Credit Childcare Help for working parents whose family income is generally under £40,000/year. Some families with a higher income may also get help to.

How much you can get depends on your circumstances, but you could get up to £646/month for one child and up to £1,108 per month if you have two or more children.

www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit

It may also be possible to apply for a grant while you wait for universal credit to be paid.

Families with a low income may also be able to claim for 15 hours free childcare once your child turns 2.

Your 2-year-old could get free childcare if you live in England and get one of the following benefits: Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments, tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax.

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they: are looked after by a local authority; have a statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan; get Disability Living Allowance; have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.

www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds

If you are a student or low-income household student finance or universal credits offers up to 85% of your childcare costs paid.

Government eligibility and discounts can vary so please check for exact discounts and funding at the time of application.

Poppy & Jack's Full Time and Sibling Discounts

We are also delighted to share that all our nurseries offer a 10% full time discount on childcare for parents that opt for a full week.

All our nurseries also offer a sibling discount of 5% on childcare.

Thank you for reading our information on childcare costs. If you would like further information regarding childcare options or to talk this through with one of our nursery managers you can email info@poppyandjacks.co.uk for more details.