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TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Dear Parent,

We would like to provide you with details of the Tax-Free Childcare scheme offered to you by the government which can be used to reduce some of the costs associated with providing your child with private education.

The scheme replaced the previous Childcare voucher scheme and you can continue in the old scheme if you joined it on or before 4th October 2018.

If you are still receiving childcare vouchers under the old scheme, you will need to consider which scheme is now best suited for you. This is because both cannot be used together.

How the scheme operates

After you have registered for the scheme, you set up an Online Childcare account. For every 80p you pay, the Government adds a further 20p. For example if you pay in £400, the government tops it up with a further £100 to £500.

How Much You Are Entitled To

You can obtain up to £2,000 in Government top ups per child per year, this is limited to £500 every quarter.

How you qualify

You must be in work, including self-employment. If you have a partner they must also be working subject to a few exceptions.

Each child qualifies up to the age of eleven, unless they have a disability where the age is seventeen.

It is a requirement that you reconfirm your eligibility four times a year, otherwise you may miss out on the Government top up if you fail to do so.

How can the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme be used at Mayfield School?

School Fees

This scheme can be used to pay towards the school fees up-until your child reaches compulsory school age.

Compulsory school age is on either the 31st December, 31st March or 31st August following your child's 5th Birthday.

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For example:

If your child's 5th Birthday is on or before the 31st August their compulsory education starts in the **Autumn term** and the scheme cannot be used from that term onwards.

If your child's 5th Birthday is on or before the 31st December their compulsory education starts in the **Spring term** and the scheme cannot be used from that term onwards.

If your child's 5th Birthday is on or before the 31st March their compulsory education starts in the **Summer term** and the scheme cannot be used from that term onwards.

Other childcare provided by Mayfield School

You can also use this scheme to gain help paying for care that is outside of school hours, for example:

School Clubs

Clubs that are available for this scheme at Mayfield are those provided directly by the school and the fees are payable to the school, for example:

Before School Club, After School Club and Holiday Club

Afterschool Clubs i.e.

Football Club

Cricket Club

Study Skills Club

Multi Skills Club

Clubs that you **cannot use** the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme are ones provided by external suppliers and payment is due directly to the supplier, for example:

Music Lessons

Chess Club

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How to access this scheme

You will need to set up an online childcare account through the Government Tax-Free Childcare site. You will need your National Insurance number to hand and if you are self-employed, also your Self-Assessment reference (ten digit number).

How to use the account

You can pay into the account by standing order or by using a debit card. The Government top up should arrive in the account by the following day.

Other individuals such as grandparents and family friends can also contribute to the account.

To pay Mayfield School, log in to your account and transfer the money to our account.

For details of how to set-up your Tax-free childcare account please see the government's webpage link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

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