



### Help with Childcare Fees

At Little Learners Childcare we understand that the cost of registered childcare may seem expensive to a parent/carer. However, providing a high quality, safe and stimulating service for children is not cheap and to ensure the continued high standards and sustainability of the nursery/club, we must ask that parents/carers respect its policy in respect of fees. Below we have provided information on some of the help that might be available for childcare fees.

#### Working Tax Credits

If your child attends Little Learners Childcare, you may be entitled to some extra help with your fees. You can get help with up to 80 per cent of your childcare costs - subject to a maximum limit in the amount of childcare costs you can claim each week.

#### **If you pay childcare for:**

- one child, the maximum childcare cost you can claim is £175 a week
- two or more children, the maximum cost you can claim is £300 a week

**This means that the maximum help you can get through tax credits is:**

- £140 a week for one child
- £240 a week for two or more children

The actual amount you get will depend on your income - the lower your income, the more tax credits you can get. The upper income limit is higher than you would think - so make sure you find out if and what you are entitled to!

**For more information, contact the Working Tax Credits help line on 0845 300 3900**

#### Nursery Education Grant

All children are eligible to receive Nursery Education Funding from the term following their third birthday. This funding is available regardless of your financial and other family circumstances and it entitles each child to 15 hours a week FREE Nursery Education and Care for 38 weeks of the year (Term time).

The grant is paid directly to the nursery and we will deduct the entitlement from your monthly invoice. All you need to do is provide proof of your child's date of birth and address and complete a 'statement of undertaking' form when instructed to do so - we will do the rest!

#### Childcare Vouchers

Your employer may be associated with one of the childcare vouchers schemes, so it is important to ask your employer if they are (or willing to join a scheme), which one and what you need to do next to start receiving the benefits from this scheme.

The scheme enables you to receive part of your salary in vouchers, which are then exempt from tax and national insurance contributions, providing a significant saving. The tax free vouchers are applicable to all working parents individually, and hence if you are part of a couple, you could both enter the scheme. Below we have listed some of the leading voucher providers; visit their sites to find out more information and remember to speak to your employer about the benefits to all!

[www.computersharevoucherservices.com](http://www.computersharevoucherservices.com)

[www.care-4.co.uk](http://www.care-4.co.uk)

[www.childcarevouchers.co.uk](http://www.childcarevouchers.co.uk)

[www.accorservices.co.uk/childcare-vouchers](http://www.accorservices.co.uk/childcare-vouchers)

At Little Learners Childcare, if we are not already registered with the voucher provider your employer is registered with, we are more than happy to join the scheme!