



Liverpool
City Council



School



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childcare



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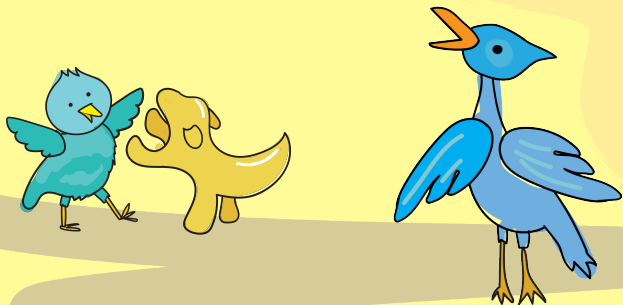
 **BEST**
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 **IN LIFE**

Do you need help with childcare costs for school-aged children?

If you're a parent or carer, you could be entitled to financial support to help make childcare more affordable. There are different options available depending on your circumstances, and it's quick and easy to find out what you qualify for.

Before applying, use the **Childcare Eligibility Checker** on the **Best Start in Life website** to see if you're eligible for **Tax-Free Childcare** or **Universal Credit childcare support**:

beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker/



Tax-Free Childcare

If you're a working parent, you could get extra help with the cost of childcare.

What you'll get:

- For every £8 you pay in, the government will add £2.

How long you can receive support:

- Until 1 September after your child's 11th birthday
- Or until age 16 if your child is disabled

Apply at:

gov.uk/tax-free-childcare/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

Universal Credit Childcare Support

If you're receiving Universal Credit, you may be able to claim back childcare costs.

What you could get:

- Up to 85% of childcare costs

Maximum amounts per month:

- £1,071.09 for one child
- £1,836.16 for two or more children

You'll be reimbursed after the childcare takes place.

Who can apply:

If you're working or about to start a job, you may be eligible.

Check eligibility and apply:

beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/universal-credit-childcare/eligibility-for-universal-credit-childcare/

Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF)

The HAF programme provides free school holiday activities and meals for eligible children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. It offers fun, safe experiences and nutritious food during school holidays.

For more information visit:

merseyplay.com/haf

