



A Guide to Tax-Free Childcare & Employer Childcare Voucher Schemes

At NNSport, we aim to make childcare payments as simple and flexible as possible for families. We accept both Tax-Free Childcare and a range of Employer Childcare Voucher schemes, allowing parents and carers to easily cover the cost of eligible services.

✔ What You Can Use Childcare Vouchers For:

You can use Tax-Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers to pay for: After School Care, Breakfast Clubs, Holiday Activities, and INSET Day Programmes. These schemes offer a great way to save money while ensuring your child enjoys safe, high-quality care.

✗ What Childcare Vouchers Cannot Be Used For:

Please note that we are unable to accept Childcare Vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare for: Birthday Parties and After School Sports Clubs. These activities fall outside the government's criteria for registered childcare services and are therefore not eligible for payment through these schemes.

What is Tax-Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare helps with childcare costs by providing up to £500 every three months (£2,000/year) per child.

You create an online account where the government adds **£2 for every £8 you pay**. This money can be used to pay approved childcare providers like NNSport.

Eligibility & Use

Tax-Free Childcare covers care from registered childcare providers and only for childcare **outside school hours** (after school and/or breakfast clubs). It cannot be used with Tax Credits, Universal Credit, or Childcare Vouchers.

Check your eligibility and apply at gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

How to make payments

If you are eligible for a Tax-Free Childcare and have organised your account through the government website the next steps are:

Pay money into your childcare account
You can put funds into your childcare account using a debit card, but a standing order or bank transfer is faster. The government top-up will be immediately added by HMRC, and you will be able to spend it once it appears as 'available'.

Select your childcare provider(s)
To receive Tax-Free childcare payments, the childcare provider(s) must sign up.

Pay your childcare provider(s)
Make one-time or recurring payments to your childcare provider(s) using the funds in your childcare account, including the government top-up.

Reconfirm
To continue receiving government top-ups, you must confirm your information is up to date every three months. You will be notified by the HMRC when this needs to be done.

- CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY
- APPLY FOR TAX-FREE CHILDCARE
- PUT MONEY INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT
- SELECT YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)
- PAY YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER(S)
- RECONFIRM WITH HMRC TO KEEP RECEIVING GOVERNMENT TOP-UPS

What is the difference between Tax-Free Childcare and Employer Childcare Voucher Schemes?

Tax-Free Childcare is a government-run scheme introduced in 2017 to support working parents with the cost of childcare. It was designed to gradually replace the older Employer Childcare Voucher Scheme and provide a more flexible solution, particularly for self-employed individuals who were previously excluded. Under the Tax-Free Childcare scheme, eligible working parents can open an online childcare account and receive government contributions worth 20% of their childcare costs - up to £2,000 per child per year. For every £8 a parent pays into the account, the government adds £2. The funds can then be used to pay for approved childcare providers, including nurseries, childminders, after-school clubs, and holiday schemes.

In contrast, the **Employer Childcare Voucher Scheme** was a salary sacrifice arrangement, where employees could choose to receive a portion of their salary in the form of childcare vouchers. These vouchers were exempt from income tax and National Insurance contributions, providing tax savings for both employees and employers. However, eligibility was tied to employment only available through participating employers and the scheme excluded the self-employed. The Employer Childcare Voucher Scheme officially closed to new applicants in October 2018. Parents who were already enrolled by the deadline can continue using vouchers, provided they remain with the same employer and do not take an extended career break. Those who leave their employer or switch jobs lose access to the scheme and must consider Tax-Free Childcare as an alternative.

How do I make a payment to NNSport using Tax-Free Childcare or the Employer Childcare Voucher Scheme?

1 BOOK WITH NNSPORT

Complete your booking with **NNSPORT** and select either **HMRC TAX-FREE OR CHILDCARE VOUCHER** as your payment option. If using HMRC please enter your child's unique reference. If using childcare voucher enter the name of your voucher scheme. Select the **amount you wish to pay** using your chosen childcare payment method.

2 RELEASE CHILDCARE VOUCHER FUNDS

After receiving your **NNSPORT BOOKING CONFIRMATION EMAIL**, please contact your childcare voucher scheme to **RELEASE THE PAYMENT**. This is usually done via their **ONLINE PORTAL**, but you can also call their customer service team if needed. They may request a reference or Ofsted number - these are listed below.

3 CONFIRM THE TRANSACTION

Once your childcare voucher provider has released the payment to **NNSPORT**, your booking is all set and no further action is needed. To help us process your payment quickly and avoid any delays or unnecessary payment reminders we kindly ask you send a **SCREENSHOT** or provide a **REFERENCE** number showing the transaction.

WE ARE OFSTED REGISTERED

We are a fully registered childcare provider, inspected and approved by **OFSTED** (the Office for Standards in Education), ensuring we meet the highest standards of care and education. Our Ofsted registration number for **NNSport East Sheen** is **EY491705**.

As an **EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)** registered provider, we follow the national framework that supports the learning, development, and wellbeing of children from birth to five years old.

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EMPLOYER CHILDCARE VOUCHER SCHEME CODES

APPLE
CA00012517

BRIGHT HORIZONS CONTACT BH DIRECT

CARE 4
99773610

CHILDCARE GRANT SCHEME
CCG8234359

COMPUTERSHARE
0022789911

EDENRED
P20998835

KIDDIVOUCHERS
SW14 8ED

SODEXO
224571

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

To ensure your Tax-Free Childcare payments are properly directed, please use the following details when registering NNSport at East Sheen Primary with the government's scheme:

PROVIDER CODE
50003814726

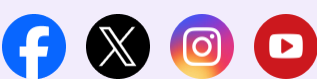
POSTCODE
SW14 8ED

Using either the provider code or postcode will link your payments correctly to **NNSport (SH) Holiday Activities and Care Club** as payee name for services at East Sheen, our registered childcare services. When selecting this type of payment at the NNSport checkout please quote your child's unique reference

Whichever option you use, we hope this guide helps make childcare payments a little more straightforward, flexible, and stress-free for every family who books with NNSport. Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate it.

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