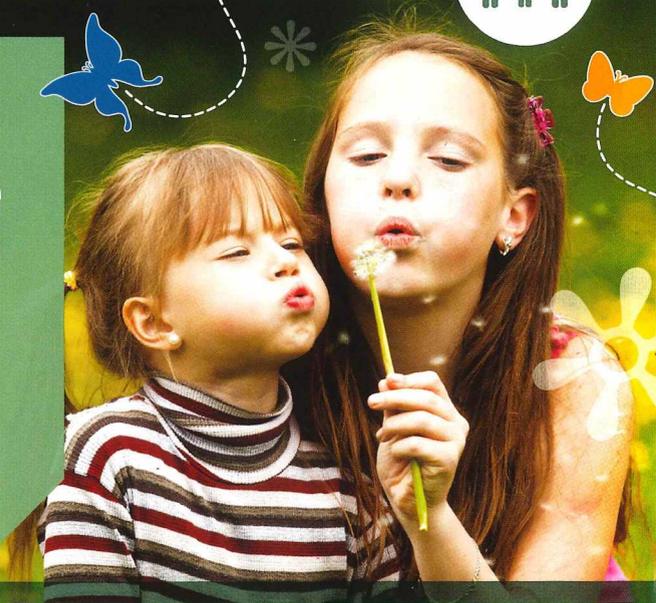




# Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a new Government scheme, which will be available to around two million working households to help with their childcare costs.



From early 2017, working parents with children under 12 (under 17 for children with a disability) can set up an online childcare account to pay their childcare providers directly. For every £8 parents pay in, the Government will add £2, up to a maximum contribution of £2,000 per child, per year (£4,000 per year for children with a disability).

To qualify, parents must be in work and each earning at least £120 (on average) a week and not more than £100,000 per year, including self-employed and people on zero hours contracts.

Childcare voucher schemes, which parents can only use if their employer participates, will remain open to new entrants until April 2018.



For more information on how to apply and the full eligibility go to: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/childcarecosts](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/childcarecosts) or contact the Family Information Service on **01243 777807**.