

Help with Childcare costs?

Working Tax Credits

The childcare element of Working Tax Credit (WTC) can help parents and carers who work more than 16 hours and use registered childcare to claim up to 80% of their childcare costs back.*

subject to eligibility criteria*

Nottinghamshire County Council's Childcare Support Scheme

If you do not qualify for WTC you may be eligible for financial support from Nottinghamshire County Council's Childcare Support Scheme.

This scheme is aimed at parents and carers who want to work, or access vocational training and can cover up to 70% of your total childcare costs for up to 26 weeks.

To find out more about our childcare support scheme and other help with childcare costs, contact Nottinghamshire FIS Service on 0800 781 2168.



Top Questions to ask when choosing a club

- Opening times
- Ages catered for
- How much do the sessions costs
- How far in advance do you need to book?
- Are snacks/drinks provided? What are they?
- Is the club registered with Ofsted?
- Is there a programme of play activities for the children?
- What is the ratio of carers to children?
- What qualifications and training do the staff have?
- How will they contact you in an emergency?
- Is there a parent information booklet with details of the policies and procedures of the club?
- How long have they been operating?

It may be useful to visit clubs and talk to other parents/carers about their experiences.

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Out of School Clubs in Nottinghamshire



What is an Out of School Club?

Out of School Clubs are for school aged children (some provide wrap around services for 3 – 5 years) and are usually based in or near schools. An Out of School Club gives parents/carers the opportunity to work, train and pursue interests outside of the home whilst providing a safe and stimulating environment for their children.

The clubs allow children to learn through play and socialise in a secure safe environment and usually include a snack, games, sporting and craft activities.



They are run outside school hours by a team of staff usually called Playworkers. Clubs that are registered with Ofsted work to a set of National Standards.

There are several types of Out of School Clubs:

Breakfast Clubs

Breakfast clubs are open in the morning before school usually from 8am. Parents/carers drop the children off at the club and then the club takes the children to school. Breakfast is provided alongside a range of activities.

After School Clubs

After school clubs are open between the end of the school day until the early evening (usually 6pm). Children are taken to the club for activities and a snack until parent/carer collects them from the club.

Holiday Club

Holiday clubs are open during the school holidays. (Usually 8am to 6pm) The parent/carer drops off and picks up. There are usually a wide range of outings and activities for children to take part in.



Find an Out of School Club near you...

In Nottinghamshire we have over 200 Out of School Clubs

For more information about Out of School Clubs or to find your nearest club, please contact:

Nottinghamshire Families Information Service (FIS) on freephone **0800 781 2168**

We are open from 8:30am until 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 4:30pm on Fridays. An answer phone service is available at all other times.

Information is available 24 hours a day over the internet

www.childcarelink.gov.uk/notts

You can also access the Nottinghamshire FIS at your local Sure Start Children's Centre, County Contact points in Worksop, Retford, Arnold, Sutton in Ashfield and Mansfield or through the County Contact kiosks situated throughout the county.

