

Employers For Childcare - Service user update for Childcare Providers

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Childcare Vouchers due to close in October - parents need to act now!

The Childcare Voucher scheme **is due to close to new entrants on 4 October 2018**. This means working parents who wish to join the scheme need to do so as soon as possible, in order to have their application registered and processed via their company's payroll before the closure date.



Spread the word among any parents using your service, who might be able to benefit from Childcare Vouchers, now or in the future. Childcare Vouchers can be used for registered childcare for children up to the age of 15. You will find materials on our [website](#), including a poster which you could display and a flyer which might be useful for distributing to parents.

In particular, if you know any new parents, including those who are on maternity or paternity leave, it is important that they act now to join the Childcare Voucher scheme. Equally, you may know parents who do not realise that they could be benefiting from Childcare Vouchers, for example, those who are paying for afterschool or breakfast clubs for older children.

Parents who are already using Childcare Vouchers when the scheme closes to new entrants can continue to do so, however if they change jobs, **they will not be allowed to join the Scheme with their new employer.**

Support the campaign to #SaveChildcareVouchers

We know Childcare Providers appreciate the benefits Childcare Vouchers can provide to working parents, and acknowledge that they are a valuable form of payment for providers too.



If you believe, as we do, the decision to close Childcare Vouchers to new entrants on 4 October is unfair, then **lobby your MP to #SaveChildcareVouchers**. Tell them how Childcare Vouchers have enabled the parents who use your service to access, and stay in work. For more information, [visit our website](#).

You can also use social media to call on your MP to keep Childcare Vouchers open to new entrants (to find out who your local MP is visit: www.theyworkforyou.com).

Here is a sample Tweet or Facebook post that you could use and personalise:

"Please [insert MP's twitter/facebook handle] stand with working parents & childcare providers and urge @hmtreasury to halt the closure of Childcare Vouchers to new entrants, keep this vital support open along-side Tax-Free Childcare #SaveChildcareVouchers"

Thank you. We hope you can get behind this campaign - we truly believe ALL children, parents and childcare providers should be able to benefit from affordable, accessible childcare.

Help us keep our records up to date

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