

Paying for Wraparound Care (WAC) with Universal Credit

Premier Education at Beechwood Primary School

Universal Credit can help with the cost of childcare, including wraparound care (before/after school clubs, holiday clubs). Families can claim back up to 85% of childcare costs.

Step 1: Check if you're eligible

You may be able to claim help with childcare costs through Universal Credit if:

- You (and your partner, if you have one) are in paid work, or have a confirmed job offer.
- Your child is under 17 years old.
- You use registered childcare (school clubs, nurseries, childminders, or Ofsted-registered providers).
- You are already receiving Universal Credit (this support is not available if you are only on Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit).

Step 2: Pay for your childcare

- You must pay your wraparound care provider yourself first (Universal Credit does not pay them directly).
- Keep a record of all payments you make (invoices, receipts, bank statements).

Step 3: Report your childcare costs

- Log in to your Universal Credit online account.
- Go to "Report childcare costs".
- Upload proof of your payment (invoice + bank statement/receipt).
- You need to report costs by the end of the assessment period in which you paid them.

Step 4: Get reimbursed

- Universal Credit will add up to 85% of your childcare costs to your monthly Universal Credit payment.
- Payments are made after you report them, so you will always pay first and then be reimbursed.

Example

If your monthly Wraparound Care bill is £200, you could get up to £170 reimbursed through Universal Credit.

Quick Tips

- Always report childcare costs as soon as you pay them to avoid delays.
- Keep all invoices and receipts safe.
- If your childcare costs change regularly (e.g., holiday clubs), make sure you update them each time.
- You can find more details here: www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit

☒ Universal Credit can make Wraparound Care much more affordable by covering up to 85% of the cost.

If you need any help or support with this please contact us by emailing

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