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**Make sure you stay eligible!**The Government closed Childcare Vouchers to new entrants from October 2018. Existing Childcare Voucher users will remain eligible for Childcare Vouchers provided they:* Joined the scheme prior to 4 October 2018, and
* Make at least one salary sacrifice (more than £0) within each 52 week period, and
* Do not leave the scheme in order to use Tax-Free Childcare, and
* Do not change employer.

In the run up to the closure of Childcare Vouchers to new entrants during 2018, many parents opened Childcare Voucher accounts with a small amount, to safeguard their future access to the Scheme.Please note any parents who use Childcare Vouchers for Breakfast or Afterschool Club payments need to make at least one payment into their Childcare Voucher account (more than £0) within each 52 week period to remain eligible.  Remember, **Family Benefits Advice Service** can give you advice, and can help parents work out what form of financial support is best for you and can carry out personalised 'better off' calculations - **Freephone 0800 028 3008**.  |

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