

## Need more information?

If you need information on any of the subjects shown below, just tick the box and return the form to FIS.

- Children's centres
- Childminders
- Private day nurseries
- Pre-schools/playgroups
- Out of school clubs (please specify school)

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- Holiday care
  - Holiday activities
  - Parent & toddler groups
  - Tax credits/childcare vouchers
  - Nursery Education Grant (free education for 3 & 4 year olds)
  - Nursery education providers
  - Primary schools
  - School holiday calendar
  - Latest 'Oldham Parent' magazine

By ticking the above box, the information provided will be stored on the 'Oldham Parent' magazine mailing list, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In which area of Oldham do you need childcare?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Age of child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

School your child/ren attends: \_\_\_\_\_

From time to time FIS may include you in mail outs for any services and events that may be of interest to you; FIS will not use your details for any other purpose. If you do not wish to receive this information, please tick this box.

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## Visit or write to:

Oldham Family Information Service (FIS)  
5 Barn Street, Oldham, OL1 1LP  
(wheelchair accessible)

**Office opening times:**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
(except bank holidays)

Telephone: 0800 731 1518

8.40am - 5.00pm

There is an answer phone available outside of these hours.

Fax: 0161 652 4366

Email: [familyinfo@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@oldham.gov.uk)

Web: [www.oldham.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/childcare) or [www.ouoldham.info](http://www.ouoldham.info)

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# Working Parents



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# Oldham Family Information Service

Oldham Family Information Service (FIS) provide FREE, impartial advice and assistance on all aspects of childcare, childcare funding and activities for 0-20 year olds in the borough of Oldham.

Whether you are looking for childminders, nurseries, parent & toddler groups, advice about grants and funding, such as the Sure Start Maternity Grant or the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit, or simply want to find out about local activities for you and your family, then FIS can help.

## What you can expect



Free impartial information, advice and assistance from trained information workers on all types of childcare and family services.



Information, advice and assistance on how to choose childcare.



Current up-to-date lists of local childcare providers, educational establishments and activities for 0-20 year olds.



Information on childcare grants, funding and benefits.



A quality information service that meets the standards set by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.



A quarterly 'Oldham Parent' magazine.

# Paying for childcare - help for working parents

Nine out of 10 families are eligible for financial help, depending on their circumstances. Whether you are working or not, families with incomes of up to £58,000 (or £66,000 if you have a child under one) could be eligible for Child Tax Credit.

**Working Tax Credit** is a tax credit for working people on low incomes and can include help with childcare costs. This credit is paid directly into your bank account.

You may be able to get extra help with the costs of 'registered' childcare - this is called the **childcare element** within the Working Tax Credit. It is specifically aimed at helping working parents cover childcare costs.

To apply for the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit, lone parents must work at least 16 hours a week. If you are part of a couple, both members of the couple must work 16 hours a week or more.

If one member of the couple is incapacitated, the other member must work 16 hours or more.

The childcare element of the Working Tax Credit provides extra help for working parents to cover childcare costs. You can claim up to a maximum of 80% of your childcare costs (up to a maximum of £175 a week if you have one child and £300 a week if you have two or more children).

The childcare element is added to the amount of Working Tax Credit you can get. The final amount

will depend on your income (or joint income, if you are part of a couple).

For more information please contact **the Tax Credit helpline on: 0845 300 3900.**

## Childcare Vouchers

Some employers offer their employees the opportunity to enter into a childcare voucher scheme. Usually operated through a salary exchange scheme, employees can elect to exchange a maximum of £55 per week (£243 per month) for childcare vouchers, which can be used to contribute to the cost of childcare at any registered/approved setting. This £55 per week is tax free as long as the amount taken does not take your wage below the lower earnings limit for National Insurance contributions (£390 per month or £90 per week). Please note that these savings depend on the level of Income Tax and National Insurance you pay.



## Choosing childcare

Letting someone else look after your child is a big step, which is why FIS provide free information, advice and assistance on a range of different childcare options that are available to you and information on paying for childcare. They will ensure that you have all the information that you need in order to make the right decision for your child/ren. FIS pride themselves on being friendly, helpful, approachable, prompt, practical and non-judgemental. They won't keep you waiting, they don't speak in jargon and they won't charge you for any of their services.