



## CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

### GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

#### Q. What are Childcare Vouchers?

A. Childcare Vouchers are an acceptable method of paying for registered childcare. They are exempt from Tax and National Insurance Contributions (NICs) and therefore offer potential savings for working parents who use registered childcare.

#### Q. What are Childcare Vouchers used for?

A. Childcare Vouchers are used to pay for registered or approved childcare for a qualifying child. At Claremont parents can use the childcare vouchers to pay for all child care costs up to the age of 5, including Nursery and some Reception fees, depending on date of birth. Please note school lunches and insurance are not covered.

#### Q. What happens after the age of 5?

A. As per HMRC guidelines, the child will qualify for suitable childcare:

- Until 1 September following his/her 15th birthday, or
- Until 1 September following his/her 16th birthday, if he/she is disabled

#### Q. What are suitable child care costs after the age of 5?

A. Claremont offers a variety of services that can be paid through childcare vouchers:

- Wrap around care, such as Breakfast and After-School clubs

In addition the school can also accept childcare vouchers for extra-curricular activities such as music lessons and sports clubs, providing they are:

- Charged separately to compulsory education fees
- Taking place outside normal school hours
- Are not a part of the National Curriculum
- Taking place on the school's premises

#### Q. What are the payment methods?

A. Claremont accepts payments via registered childcare voucher companies or an employer. It is important that payments are made against eligible and suitable child care costs, and that monthly direct debits are avoided for administrative reasons.

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