

## **FUNDING & CHILDCARE VOUCHER SCHEME.**

### **Childcare Vouchers:**

Save money on Tax & NIC by using Childcare Vouchers

Childcare vouchers are one of the ways in which employers can assist their employees with the costs of childcare. Since 6 April 2005, childcare vouchers (up to a limit of £55 a week, or £243 a month) are exempt from National Insurance Contributions (NIC) for employers, and from tax and NICs for employees - employers therefore reduce some of their business costs and employees make savings on their childcare costs.

Paper childcare vouchers can be used to pay for childcare just like cash as the parent has converted salary directly into vouchers to make Tax and NI savings.

"E-Vouchers" are an alternative to paper vouchers and enable parents to authorise payments to their chosen carer using a quick, simple and efficient electronic account. Parents can initiate payments either by telephone or a secure Internet site. They are exactly the same as any other payment that is transferred directly into the childcare provider's bank account. Parents must notify the Managers of all payments made by childcare voucher by completing the relevant section on the monthly invoice and returning it to the manager by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Here are a few Childcare voucher companies contact details:

Accor services - 50 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 2RS. 020 7834 6666

Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers - Brackenwood House, Kimbell Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 4AT. 01256 339100.