

## Childminder Information Sheet

### **Surrey County Council**

Surrey County Council's website has a wealth of information if you are currently a childminder or looking into becoming one.

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/learning/early-years-and-childcare-practitioners/support-for-childminders-and-nannies>

### **Surrey Family Information Service**

The Children's Information Service receives basic information about all OFSTED registered childcare providers. We then make this available to parents and carers looking for childcare.

Tel: 0300 200 1004

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/fis](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fis)

## **USEFUL INFORMATION FOR CHILDMINDERS CLIENTS (PARENTS)**

### **Working Tax Credit**

If the parent is 16 years old or over and is responsible for a child or young person while working 16 hours or more a week, they can get Working Tax Credit.

They may also be able to get 80% of their registered and approved childcare or school activities paid for, up to a maximum weekly amount of:

- £140 a week for one child; or
- £240 a week for two or more children.

Please note the amount of Working Tax Credit will depend on household income.

### **Childcare Vouchers**

Childcare vouchers are one of the ways in which employers can help their employees with the cost of registered or approved childcare. In some cases they can also be used to pay for school activities.

The employee can save tax and National Insurance on the first £55 a week or £243 a month of their childcare costs. The total yearly saving for a basic tax payer is just over £960 a year. Both employed parents can claim these exemptions if their employers run a childcare voucher scheme.

### **Useful websites**

HM Revenue and Customs: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/childcare/childcarefactsheet.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/childcare/childcarefactsheet.htm)

Daycare Trust: [www.daycaretrust.org.uk](http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk)