



## **Financial Support for Childcare**

At Star Player, we aim to make our clubs as accessible and affordable as possible. We have created this short guide to show you two different ways to make payment for our clubs.

### **1. Universal Credit – Step-by-Step Guidance**

If you receive Universal Credit or are a working parent, you may be eligible for financial assistance with childcare costs.

Parents receiving Universal Credit may reclaim up to 85% of childcare costs for our Ofsted registered clubs.

How to apply:

- A. Confirm eligibility – You must be receiving Universal Credit to be eligible to claim this back.
- B. Gather required information – Prepare:
  - The club's Ofsted registration number and company number (Club can provide this)
  - Session costs and dates (invoices) – you can get this from the club provider if you pay directly with them, if you pay via the website you will get an automated payment confirmation which can be used as proof of payment.
- C. Submit a claim – Visit [www.gov.uk/universal-credit/childcare-costs](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/childcare-costs) and follow the onscreen instructions to submit your childcare costs. You will be prompted to open up your journal and submit a claim for childcare costs and then input above details. If struggling a member of our team can help you with this or a member of the universal credit team or your work coach can help.
- D. Maintain records – Keep receipts or proof of payments, as these may be required for verification.

**Example of savings:** A £5 session could cost as little as £1 via Universal Credit



## 2. Tax-Free Childcare – Step-by-Step Guidance

Working parents may receive 20% support on childcare costs via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

How to access:

- A. Set up an account – Go to [www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) and register your details.
- B. Add your childcare provider – Ensure our club is added correctly. Star Player. If having issues get in touch with a member of our team.
- C. Find your account – Deposit money into your account; the government will add 20% of the amount you contribute.
- D. Book sessions – Use your account to pay for sessions directly. Speak to a member of the starplayer team to confirm your booking at which point you will get sent an invoice and then make payment through your tax free childcare portal.

**Example of savings:** save 20% using Tax-Free Childcare.

We hope this guidance enables more families to access our clubs at a rate that reflects their circumstances.

