

**“Without the wraparound childcare, we wouldn’t be able to get to work on time or pick up our child from school in time - it’s very important to us.”**

## Further information

If you are a parent or carer looking for childcare options for your child, speak to your child’s school or contact

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyinformationservice](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyinformationservice)

To find out what wraparound childcare is currently available in your area visit

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/wraparoundcare](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/wraparoundcare)

The Government can help with childcare costs for parents. For more information, please visit Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit for Childcare

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Jobcentre Plus branches provide resources to help you find employment. They also help with benefits claims. For more information, please visit Jobcentre Plus

[www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus](http://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus)



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**Looking for quality wraparound childcare?**

**A guide for Norfolk families**



## What is wraparound childcare and what are the benefits?

**Wraparound childcare is before and after-school childcare for primary school aged children every school day during term time, such as breakfast clubs and regular after-school provision.**

This provision can be offered by schools and Ofsted registered private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers (including childminders and early years settings) and can be run on a school site or another venue in the local area.

High quality wraparound childcare has several benefits for children, parents and carers:

- For children, it provides a supportive environment to learn new skills, play and socialise.
- For parents and carers, it provides peace of mind knowing that their children are in a safe environment before and after school allowing them flexibility with their working hours.

## How do you know if the before or after-school provision is right for your child?

Think about what you would like to find out and the questions to ask. You might like to consider these points...



Is the provision registered with Ofsted?



Are suitable policies in place and accessible? Policies include safeguarding, health and safety, behaviour, inclusion and booking terms and conditions.



How does the provider share child information with the family? Is there a communications plan to support effective messaging between families, the school and the wraparound care provision?



Is the provider signed up to the Tax-Free Childcare scheme? Have you created a Tax-Free Childcare account or explored Universal Credit for Childcare?



Does the provision feel welcoming?



Are children able to access and choose from a variety of activities to nurture their interests and support their development? Is the provision inclusive?



Are staff interacting calmly and positively with the children, and are children engaged in activities?



Does the provider offer healthy and nutritious food options?



**Will my child be happy here?**