

Promoting Tax-Free Childcare at Osbourne Lodge Day Nursery, Pontypool.

[Osborne Lodge Day Nursery](#) is located in the centre of Pontypool. It has been registered since April 2002 to care for up to 53 children. It offers care for children aged from six weeks to five years of age. The service operates Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm.

The Registered Person (RP) is Nikola Masters, who owns the nursery, and is also named as a Person in Charge (PiC). An additional PiC is employed to manage the nursery on a day-to-day basis.

The nursery is an approved Early Years Education Provider for Torfaen County Council and is therefore subject to joint inspections from Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). Care is delivered through the English language, with the use of incidental Welsh. The nursery also offers Flying Start places.



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Nikola promotes [Childcare Choices](#), to ensure parents are aware of the support they could be eligible for to help with childcare costs. Parents who are eligible for Tax free childcare receive support from the government. For every £8.00 the parents pay, the government will automatically add £2.00 up to the value of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children).

When parents have a show around at Osbourne Lodge, Nikola always takes the time to explain the [Childcare Choices website](#). There are 6 six steps to follow, Step 1 is to check their eligibility, as they can't use Tax-Free Childcare together with Tax Credits, Universal Credit or Childcare Vouchers.

Owner of Osbourne Lodge Nursery, Nikola stated: *'A lot of parents are not aware of the Childcare Choices website, signposting them to information about help with their childcare cost is a help to the family. We also have the 'Family App' which is a platform to communicate with parents, and we promote childcare choices and how to use Tax-Free childcare here. It is lovely to hear that parents find it beneficial; my parents were happy to share their experiences'.*

Parent Payten Stated:

'When we started using childcare, we were told by our Osbourne lodge to ensure we use the Tax-Free childcare as it was available. This massively helped us in being able to afford childcare. It meant we were able to budget using the 5 full days a week (which is what we desperately needed to work) over the 3 full days of what we could afford. It's extremely nice to have this option to use when as a working family we don't get entitlement to anything else. The sign-up process and useability is fantastic.

It's very easy to transfer monies to the account with our child specific reference and then set up the payment for Osbourne Lodge Nursery. The transactions list is very clear for future reference, and I also love that it provides a breakdown of how much 'tax-free monies' are left, so I can pre-empt the next few payments'.

Parent Emily stated:

'We have accessed the government tax-free childcare for the last 4 years for 2 of our children. Being able to access it really benefits us financially as a family. It's really easy to set up with our nursery and as a result now automatically goes out each month, so I don't need to worry if my nursery has been paid this month. It's a great service and helps us maximise our nursery experience'.

Parent Carmel stated:

'The Tax-free Childcare was so easy to do. Took me minutes to set up and was so easy to put money into the account. The top up from the government then goes in straight away which is fab and then I was able to transfer the money straight from there to my childcare provider. This will help us as a family so much, especially with the cost and prices of everything at the moment. Really pleased and happy with the service'.



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Hyrwyddo Gofal Plant Di-dreth ym Meithrinfa Ddydd Osbourne Lodge, Pont-y-pŵl.

[Mae Meithrinfa Ddydd Osbourne Lodge](#) yng nghanol Pont-y-pŵl. Ers Ebrill 2002 mae'r feithrinfa wedi cofrestru i ofalu am hyd at 53 o blant. Mae'n cynnig gofal i blant rhwng 6 wythnos a 5 oed. Mae'r gwasanaeth yn gweithredu o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener, 8.00am tan 6.00pm.

Y Person Cofrestredig (PC) yw Nikola Masters, sy'n berchen ar y feithrinfa, ac fe'i enwir hefyd fel Person â Gofal (PaG). Mae PaG ychwanegol yn cael ei gyflogi i reoli'r feithrinfa o ddydd i ddydd.

Mae'r feithrinfa yn ddarparwr Addysg Blynyddoedd Cynnar cymeradwy ar gyfer Cyngor Sir Torfaen ac felly mae'n destun arolygiadau ar y cyd gan Estyn ac Arolygiaeth Gofal Cymru (AGC). Darperir gofal drwy'r Saesneg, gyda defnydd o Gymraeg achlysurol. Mae'r feithrinfa hefyd yn cynnig llefydd Dechrau'n Deg.



Dewisiadau Gofal Plant

Mae Nikola yn hyrwyddo [Dewisiadau Gofal Plant](#), er mwyn sicrhau bod rhieni'n ymwybodol o'r cymorth y gallent fod yn gymwys i'w gael i helpu gyda chostau gofal plant. Mae rhieni sy'n gymwys i gael gofal plant di-dreth yn derbyn cefnogaeth gan y llywodraeth. Am bob £8.00 y mae'r rhieni'n ei dalu, bydd y llywodraeth yn ychwanegu £2.00 yn awtomatig hyd at werth £2,000 y plentyn y flwyddyn (neu £4,000 ar gyfer plant anabl).

Pan fydd rhieni'n cael eu tywys o gwmpas Osbourne Lodge, mae Nikola bob amser yn cymryd yr amser i esbonio'r [wefan Dewisiadau Gofal Plant](#). Mae 6 cham i'w dilyn. Cam 1 yw gwirio eu cymhwyster, gan na allant ddefnyddio Gofal Plant Di-dreth ynghyd â Chredydau Treth, Credyd Cynhwysol neu Dalebau Gofal Plant.

Dywedodd Perchennog Osbourne Lodge Nursery, Nikola: *"Nid yw llawer o rieni yn ymwybodol o wefan Dewisiadau Gofal Plant, mae eu cyfeirio at wybodaeth am gymorth gyda'u costau gofal plant yn help i'r teulu. Mae gennym hefyd yr 'Ap Teulu' sy'n llwyfan i gyfathrebu â rhieni, ac rydym yn hyrwyddo dewisiadau gofal plant a sut i ddefnyddio gofal plant di-dreth yma. Mae'n hyfryd clywed bod rhieni'n ei chael yn fuddiol; Roedd fy rhieni wrth eu bodd yn rhannu eu profiadau."*

Dywedodd rhiant o'r enw Payten:

"Pan ddechreuon ni ddefnyddio gofal plant, dywedodd Osbourne Lodge wrthym i sicrhau ein bod yn defnyddio'r gofal plant di-dreth gan ei fod ar gael. Fe wnaeth hyn ein helpu i allu fforddio gofal plant. Roedd yn golygu ein bod yn gallu cyllidebu gan ddefnyddio'r 5 diwrnod llawn yr wythnos (sef yr hyn yr oedd gwir angen i ni weithio) dros y 3 diwrnod llawn o'r hyn y gallem ei fforddio. Mae'n braf iawn cael yr opsiwn hwn i'w ddefnyddio pan nad ydym fel teulu sy'n gweithio yn cael hawl i unrhyw beth arall. Mae'r broses gofrestru a'r defnyddioldeb yn wych.

Mae'n hawdd iawn trosglwyddo arian i'r cyfrif gyda'n geirda penodol i blant ac yna sefydlu'r taliad ar gyfer Meithrinfa Osbourne Lodge. Mae'r rhestr trafodion yn glir iawn ar gyfer cyfeirio atynt yn y dyfodol, ac rwyf hefyd wrth fy modd ei bod yn darparu dadansoddiad o faint o 'arian di-dreth' sydd ar ôl, fel y gallaf baratoi at yr ychydig daliadau nesaf'.

Dywedodd rhiant o'r enw Emily:

"Rydym wedi cael mynediad at ofal plant di-dreth y llywodraeth am y 4 blynedd diwethaf ar gyfer 2 o'n plant. Mae gallu cael gafael arno o fudd ariannol i ni fel teulu. Mae'n hawdd iawn i Sefydlu trefniant gyda'n meithrinfa ac o ganlyniad mae bellach yn mynd allan yn awtomatig bob mis, felly does dim angen i mi boeni os ydi fy meithrinfa wedi ei dalu y mis hwnnw. Mae'n wasanaeth gwych ac yn ein helpu i wneud y mwyaf o'n profiad meithrin'.

Dywedodd rhiant o'r enw Carmel:

'Roedd y Gofal Plant Di-dreth mor hawdd i'w wneud. Cymerodd funudau i mi sefydlu ac roedd mor hawdd rhoi arian yn y cyfrif. Mae'r ychwanegiad o'r llywodraeth wedyn yn mynd i mewn yn syth sy'n wych ac yna roeddwn i'n gallu trosglwyddo'r arian yn syth oddi yno i'm darparwr gofal plant. Bydd hyn yn ein helpu ni fel teulu gymaint, yn enwedig gyda chost a phrisiau popeth ar hyn o bryd. Dwi'n hapus iawn ac yn hapus gyda'r gwasanaeth."

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