

Rialize Update - July/August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind gifts that were given to the team as we finished the school year, we are all truly grateful for your kindness. Looking after the children of Bridgewater is truly a pleasure. Thank you.

Charges

We will be increasing our charges from September 5th 2025, in line with current sector and national changes:

Breakfast club: £11

After school club: £21

Holiday club - long day: £40

Holiday club - short day: £32

Please see our website for more details if you have any queries or concerns about this please do let us know. We are happy to help out any family in need of support paying for our services.

Tax Free Childcare

Lots of our families already use the government Tax-Free Childcare scheme, but if you are unsure, here is a summary and it is definitely worth looking into, especially with rising costs everywhere.

Tax-Free Childcare is for working families, including those self-employed.

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the cost of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

For every £8 you pay into your online account, the government will pay £2. This means you can get up to £2,000 per year for each child towards the cost of childcare (or up to £4,000 per year if your child is disabled).

This money can then be used to pay for approved childcare, such as a:

- Childminder
- Nursery

- Nannies
- After school or holiday clubs

The childcare provider must also be signed up to the scheme (we are!) before you can pay them and benefit from Tax-Free Childcare. Please check with your provider to see if they've signed up.

You can claim Tax-Free Childcare if:

- You have a child aged 0-11 years old (or until 16 if they are disabled)
- You, and any partner, must be over 16 and each expect to earn (on average) at least £183 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).
- If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.
- You can't get Tax-Free Childcare if either you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 or more.

You can find more information on the eligibility criteria at [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

There's one application for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare. As part of your application, you will find out if you can get both.

To apply you'll need your details (and your partner's, if you have one), including your:

- National Insurance number
- Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you're self-employed

Apply online for Tax-Free Childcare here

If you're eligible you'll get a childcare account. You can use this to pay your childcare provider.

You must confirm your details are up to date every 3 months. Do this through your [childcare account](#).

Already have an account? [Sign in to your childcare account](#).

You cannot get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as claiming Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers.

Which scheme you're better off with depends on your situation. Use the [childcare calculator](#) to work out which type of support is best for you.

You can read further information under the 'If you get tax credits, Universal Credit, a childcare bursary or grant, or childcare vouchers' section at [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Blossom

We are moving over to a new online system for nursery observations and invoicing. The new system is called Blossom. We hope that the benefits of this system will make our lives slightly easier, but mainly to give parents a better experience. Some of the features include an interactive app, accident forms to be signed on collection. As with most things, there may be some getting used to and a few glitches, please work with us and let us know if you have any issues or problems accessing and using the new system - we too will be learning with you! We will send more detailed information later in August.

Haven Update

We have managed to open up approximately eighty spaces over the week for children to attend, averaging 15/20 spaces per day for September, due to the Haven being finished. We are aware that there are a lot of families still on our waiting list and we continue to offer up places as and when

things change. We are looking forward to using the Haven. Starting in September we will use the space as mentioned below, but until we get in there and use the space, we are not certain which year group it will work best for so please bear with us as we work this out as it may change. We will of-course keep you all updated going forward.

Room allocations:

Breakfast club: (Monday to Thursday)

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 - Base room (Nursery)

Year 2, 3 - Snug

Years 4,5,6 - Music room

After School: (Monday to Thursday)

Nursery - Base room (Nursery)

Reception - Reception (base room)

Years 1 - Atelier

Year 2 - Blackbird room

Year 3 & 4 - Haven - for collection please go directly to the Haven.

Years 5 & 6 - Music Room - for collection please go directly to the music room.



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Fridays:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - Base room (nursery)

Years 3-6 - Music room

Holiday Club

We continue to be very busy this summer, taking a lot of last minute bookings. We hope to see a lot of you over the summer and if not we will see you all back in September, ready for another school year full of fun!

As always, if you have any queries please do let us know.

With thanks,

Ria, Ali and the Rialize Team