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Dear Head Teacher,

We are writing to tell you about the Scottish Child Payment – a new benefit which will provide eligible families with £40 every 4 weeks for each child under 6.

The payment will start on Monday 15 February 2021 but Social Security Scotland are taking applications now so that we can make payments as quickly as possible after it starts.

We would be grateful if you could help us spread the word about the payment to make sure eligible families at your nursery get their application in early.

Please find enclosed a poster, we would appreciate if you could display this within your nursery. If you provide information by hard copy to parents and you feel that you would be able to include information on this alongside it, we are able to provide flyers. To request these, please contact communications@socialsecurity.gov.scot

You can also find printable fact sheets, translated materials and social media posts to promote the payment online at socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/resources

Best Start Grant

We would also like to remind you of the Best Start Grant package of three payments that give extra money to parents and carers during the early years of a child's life.

Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment is a payment to help with the costs during pregnancy and having a new child. If parents are over 24 weeks pregnant or have a baby under 6 months old, they could be entitled to up to £600.

Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment is a £250 payment for children aged two to three and a half that you can spend on anything from children's clothes to toys, books or days out.

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Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 payment made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1. It is open to people who receive certain benefits or tax credits and are a parent or carer of a child born between 1 March 2015 and 29 February 2016.

Best Start Foods

People who get certain benefits or tax credits and are pregnant or the parent or carer of a child under 3 may also be able to apply for Best Start Foods. It is a prepaid card that parents can use to buy healthy foods for children – it can be used in shops and online.

How do parents apply?

People are encouraged to apply for the Scottish Child Payment, Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods on a single combined form at mygov.scot/beststart

Those that cannot access our online service, can speak to one of our Client Advisers by calling 0800 182 2222 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

About us

Social Security Scotland is a new public service that has been created by the Scottish Government to deliver devolved benefits to the people in Scotland. This includes benefits for families on low incomes, disabled people, carers and young people entering the workplace.

Partnership working

As the Local Delivery Relationship Lead for Glasgow City, I am keen to work with local nurseries to spread the word about the financial support we offer.

To find out more about Social Security Scotland and the benefits we deliver, please get in touch via telephone on 07341 790183 or email lorraine.harris@socialsecurity.gov.scot

Yours sincerely,

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