



## **LEADING CHILDCARE VOUCHER PROVIDER SUPPORTS WORKING FAMILIES CHARITY**

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Computershare Voucher Services (CVS), the UK's largest dedicated childcare voucher provider, is backing calls for a better work-life balance for families, after forming a new partnership with charity Working Families.

CVS will work with the charity on a series of initiatives over the next two years, including supporting its 'Top Employers for Working Families Benchmark & Awards' initiative.

The awards aim to recognise excellence in organisations that go the extra mile to deliver positive working environments.

"Families are at the heart of what we do at Computershare Voucher Services and we're proud to support Working Families. Our common goal is clear - we want to promote a family friendly workplace culture to help create a positive relationship between work and home life," explains Julian Foster, managing director of CVS.

"Across all industries, working parents have built up valuable skills that employers should strive to retain and a key way to achieve this is through flexible working and family-friendly policies."

A Department for Work and Pensions report found that of employers questioned, six in ten (61 per cent) said that their organisation offers flexible working practices to their staff. This was more likely to be the case amongst large organisations.

Julian added: "Flexible working offers real benefits to employers and employees alike; employers can retain a skilled and happier workforce and busy parents can more easily meet their commitments at work and at home."

Sarah Jackson OBE, Chief Executive of Working Families said: "Working Families is thrilled to be working with Computershare Voucher Services. Both our organisations share a real commitment to enabling parents to be dependable and high performing employees as well as present and engaged at home."

Working Families is the leading work-life balance charity, which works with parents, carers and employers to find a better balance between responsibilities at home and work. The organisation helps employers to create workplaces which encourage a work-life balance for everyone.

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**About Computershare Voucher Services**

Computershare Voucher Services acquired Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers in September 2008. We are responsible for the administration, management and development of childcare vouchers, an employee benefit available to all eligible working parents. Once an employer is registered with childcare vouchers, parents are entitled to exchange a part of their salary for vouchers. This part of their salary is exempt from tax and National Insurance contributions. Childcare vouchers are National Insurance exempt for employers.

Computershare Voucher Services is currently working with other voucher providers across the industry, including Accor, Grassroots and Sodexo, to establish an industry code of practice to ensure that employers, employees and carers can all benefit from registered childcare voucher schemes.

For more information visit: [www.computersharevoucherservices.com](http://www.computersharevoucherservices.com)

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