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My child's first Saturday job

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Making sense of money

A Saturday job will give your child valuable experience... from learning how to speak confidently with new people, to managing their own money. However, it's also important to ensure they have time to relax at weekends.

What age?

A child can work part-time from the age of 13 (they can do modelling, TV or theatre work at a younger age, but will require a performance licence). During term time, children must not work more than 12 hours per week, with no more than two hours on school days and Sundays. On Saturdays, 13 to 14-year-olds can work up to five hours, while for 15 to 16-year-olds, the maximum allowed is eight hours.

55%

of youngsters in education say they don't work because they need to focus on their studies.

Source: UKCES, 2015

Who'll employ them?

Chain stores and larger companies don't usually employ anyone below the age of 16. However, smaller, independent shops and businesses are often eager to have a junior to help them out on Saturdays. Play to your child's strengths and interests; for instance, riding stables or farms often need help 'mucking out' the animals; hairdressers look for juniors to sweep up and make teas and coffees for customers. Your child may also be able to earn money by doing jobs for family, friends and neighbours.



Top Tip

As soon as your child is earning a regular income, encourage them to put away some of their wages every week in a savings account.



"The money from my Saturday job on our local market gives me a sense of freedom."

Claire (aged 15), Wiltshire

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