

# Bright Stars PDN funding and fees

## What is Childcare funding?

In 2025 the government extended funding to aid TOWARDS the cost of childcare. If you have a child aged between 9 months and 4 years you are more than likely eligible for 30 hours a week help from the government. All you need to do is sign up to a government gateway via the 'childcare choices' website, create a childcare account and input your child's personal details, the government will then create an 11- digit code which you give to us!



What funding am I eligible for?

In order to be eligible for the childcare funding you must consider the following:

- Age of the child: Have a child aged 9 months to 4 years
- Income requirements: You must each expect to earn at least £2080 over the next 3 months, which is equivalent to the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week
- Working parents - If you are a working parent, you may qualify if you live in England and meet the income threshold.

### Can I receive 15 hours or 30 hours towards my childcare fees?

**9 month olds to 2 years olds** - Eligible working families can claim up to 30 hours of funded childcare per week for their child.

**2-3 year olds**- Families in receipt of certain benefits and eligible working families can each claim 15 hours of funded childcare per week for their 2-year-old. This is usually extended to 30 hours per week if both parents are working



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**3 & 4 year-olds** -ALL children of this age get 15 'universal' hours of funding. This is usually extended to 30 hours per week if both parents are working



## What does the funding cover?

The funding covers 38 weeks per year (school term times) but can be 'stretched' over 52 weeks, so children access fewer hours per week, over more weeks of the year. Funding starts from the term after a child reaches the required age and the total annual allowance cannot exceed 1140 hours per year.

It is important to note that the funding given from the government to the nursery is the lowest base rate it does not include meals, snacks, sun cream, trips, or additional activities/hours, which may incur extra charges.

## Bright Stars Nursery – Our FREE funding packages

If you wish to attend the nursery setting with no additional charges, we offer the following sessions:

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b>				
<b>Days</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Times (2years – 4 years)</b>	<b>Times (2-3 years)</b>	<b>Times 3-4 years)</b>
Monday	3	9am-12am	12:15pm-3:15pm	12pm-3pm
Tuesday	3	9am-12am	12:15pm-3:15pm	12pm-3pm
Wednesday	3	9am-12am	12:15pm-3:15pm	12pm-3pm
Thursday	3	9am-12am	12:15pm-3:15pm	12pm-3pm
Friday	3	9am-12am	12:15pm-3:15pm	12pm-3pm
Total hours claimed	15 hours			



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## Not eligible to funded childcare hours? What now?

There is also another way to receive help from the government, if you cannot receive 15- or 30-hours funding then tax free childcare maybe helpful.

## What is the tax-free childcare scheme?



Here at Bright Stars, we are signed up to the government tax free childcare scheme whereby you can claim a portion of your childcare fees back. For every £8 you pay into the account, the government will top it up by £2. If your childcare bill was £250 you pay £200 into your childcare account (80% of the bill). The government adds £50 (20% of the bill). You can then use the £250 to pay your childcare provider, saving you some money.

## Sounds good? Am I eligible for tax free childcare?

You will need to be working (or returning to work) and your child must be 11 or younger (16 or younger if they're disabled).

The total top up you can get for each child is £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year). This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if your child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

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## Bright Stars Nursery fees

As a family run nursery, we are a small business, not corporate and not a chain. This means the money we claim from this building is the only money we have access to. In order for us to remain open and functional we try to maintain a balance of fairness towards parents and fee costs, viability towards remaining open and functioning, whilst staying within the government restrictions.

Claire and Jo strive to provide a service that can accommodate parents to the best of their abilities whilst also ensuring that the service provided remains to a high standard of care and children are looked after appropriately, safely, provided with homely, warm, nutritional meals and given the best access to educational resources as much as possible. This does come at a cost, a cost the government just doesn't cover. When reviewing our business prices, we put ourselves fairly within the local competitive market and all costs are strategic and balanced.



We offer many different packages and can uniquely design a plan that best suits you and your family needs whilst meeting the needs of the nursery. This can be discussed in show rounds, upon registration and can be changed with a 4 week notice period.

Sessions	Start times	Finish times	Per hour	Total
Full day	8am	6pm	£6.20	£62.00
Half day – Morning	8am	1pm	£9.40	£47.00
Half day – Afternoon	1pm	6pm	£9.40	£47.00
Full time -Mon-Fri	8am	6pm	£5.52	£276.00
School day	9am	3pm	£8.60	£52.00
School day plus	8am	4pm	£7.50	£60.00
Early bird	7:30am	8am	*Please enquire	*Please enquire
Late stay	6pm	6:30pm	*Please enquire	*Please enquire
Additional hours	N/A	N/A	£9.50	N/A

Additional charges	Charges
Late collection	£1 per minute late
Late payment fee	10% of the invoice total
Meals- Breakfast	£1.80
Meals – Morning snack	£1.65
Meals- Lunch	£3.30
Meals-Afternoon tea	£2.20

All our meals are Tameside and NHS accredited, the menu is of high nutritional value, children receive a fresh, hot dinner and healthy afternoon tea. Our chefs are experts in maintaining fresh, yummy meals on a daily basis. By making our food onsite daily we can ensure our children have all their nutritional needs catered for and manage our allergy and dietary requirements stringently.

Meals are a voluntary fee, we do offer completely free sessions with no expected charges, enquire within for these.

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## Bright Stars Nursery – Our funding packages

If you wish to attend the nursery setting using your funded hours then please see our available sessions:

<b>FUNDED SESSIONS (15 hours)</b> (Additional charges for meals and snacks are incurred on these sessions)				
Days	Hours	Times	Total weekly hours	Total weeks
3 days a week	5	8am-1pm	15	Term time (38)
3 days a week	5	1pm-6pm	15	Term time (38)
3 days a week	5	9pm-2pm	15	Term time (38)

*\*You can add hours around your funded sessions to create a personalised package.*

<b>FUNDED SESSIONS (30 hours)</b> (Additional charges for meals and snacks are incurred on these sessions)				
Days	Hours	Times	Total weekly hours	Total weeks
3 days a week	10	8am-6pm	30	Term time (38)
5 days a week	6	9am-3pm	30	Term time (38)
We offer stretched sessions on an individual basis, depending on availability.				

*\*You can add hours around your funded sessions to create a personalised package.*



Here at Bright Stars the only additional charges we ask for are to cover the food costs. We do not currently charge for activities and consumables.

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Don't forget to renew your funding code every term. If you fail to do so you are liable to pay the outstanding fees.

Working family codes only provide funding from the term following your application. This means your deadline to renew your code is always on the last day of March, August & December.

HMRC do send out reminders to reapply and Bright Stars also send out regular reminders to do so however there are occasions where codes have not been gained. Ultimately it is the parents/carers responsibility to gain the code and if it doesn't work then you will need to think about how you wish to pay the fees, either through universal credits or changing your sessions. However, the original sessions cannot be reserved.

