

## 30 Hours Free Childcare – Bright Start

### Eligibility

Children aged 9 months and over may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, starting from the term after they turn 9 months, subject to government criteria.

At Bright Start, we stretch the 30-hour funding over 51 weeks of the year.

### Session Times

- **Full Day:** 7:30am – 6:00pm  
*(A maximum of 10 funded hours can be used per day)*
- **Half Day Sessions:**
  - Morning: 7:30am – 12:30pm
  - Afternoon: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

### Meal Charges

Government funding covers childcare hours only. Meals are charged separately:

- **Morning session** (breakfast, snack & lunch): **£4.00**
- **Afternoon session** (high tea): **£2.50**
- **Full day session:** **£6.50**

### Childcare Costs Using 30 Hours Funding

Sessions Used	Childcare Cost	Meal Charge
4 half-day sessions (PM)	No charge	£2.50 per session
4 half-day sessions (AM)	No charge	£4.00 per session
2 full days	No charge	£6.50 per session
Additional full day	£72.00	Meals included
Additional half day	£45.00	Meals included

We will ask for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of any trips or extracurricular activities.

Parents are asked to provide their own nappies and wipes.



From April to September a £2 per month voluntary consumable charge applies for sun cream.

Tax Free Childcare and Universal Childcare can be used at Bright Start Childcare, Please speak to your nursery manager for more information.

## Stretched Funding – How Hours Are Calculated

At Bright Start, funded childcare hours are stretched across the year to provide consistent attendance.

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### Autumn Term Starters

#### Funding entitlement:

- 38 weeks × 30 hours = 1,140 funded hours  
(Autumn, Spring and Summer terms)

#### How the hours are used:

- Hours are stretched over 51 weeks
- Children can attend:
  - 2 full days per week (7:30am–6:00pm)
  - *Maximum of 10 funded hours per day*

#### Stretched calculation:

- 20 hours per week × 51 weeks = 1,020 hours used
- Remaining hours:
  - 120 hours banked
  - Used as 12 ad hoc sessions (10 hours each)

#### Important note:

- If a child attends more than 2 days per week, one banked session is deducted per month (total of 12 across the year).
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### Spring Term Starters

#### Funding entitlement:



- 23 weeks  $\times$  30 hours = 690 funded hours  
(*Spring and Summer terms*)

**How the hours are used:**

- Covers 2 full days per week (7:30am–6:00pm)
- *Maximum of 10 funded hours per day*

**Stretched calculation:**

- 20 hours per week  $\times$  51 weeks

**Banked hours:**

- No hours are banked for Spring term starters.

## Summer Term Starters

**Funding entitlement:**

- 11 weeks  $\times$  30 hours = 330 funded hours  
(*Summer term only*)

**How the hours are used:**

- Covers 2 full days per week
- Funding is stretched over 16.5 weeks, starting after the Easter holidays

**Stretched calculation:**

- 20 hours per week  $\times$  16.5 weeks

**Banked hours:**

- No hours are banked for Summer term starters.

If you would like to opt out of any chargeable extras because you wish to provide your own, Please contact the nursery manager.