



# Brightsparks Day Nurseries

South Croydon Fees April 2024

Monthly Fees 7.45 am - 6.00 pm	0 - 3 Years	Over 2's Years Funded 15 Hours	3 & 4 Year Olds Funded 30 Hours
3 days a week	919.75	652.73	385.71
4 days a week	1226.33	959.31	692.29
Full-Time Rate -7.5% on non funded hours	1417.95	1175.59	933.27

**Fees** are inclusive of all nappies, wipes and food and drink. When applying funded hours, we stretch the entitlement across the year to equate to 11 / 22 hours a week. We charge £1.30 per hour for the provision of meals, snacks, drinks, nappies, wipes, sun cream, and for any extra activities provided. There is a £3.50 monthly admin charge for software and invoicing. Fees are reviewed annually in April.

**Booking Patterns:** Our minimum booking is three days a week which must include a Monday or a Friday. To increase your booking pattern, we require at least 24 hours notice, subject to availability. To decrease your booking pattern, you must provide us with 30 days' notice by email to the nursery manager.

**Payment of fees:** Fees are payable in advance by the 5th of each month by standing order, Bacs, childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare payments

**Late payments:** Any fees still outstanding after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will incur a £25.00 charge. If your monthly fees are unpaid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, the nursery place will be suspended until fees have been paid.

**Missed sessions:** No refunds or additional sessions will be given for sessions missed due to holidays, sickness, isolation, Bank Holidays or due to nursery closure days. Please ask the nursery manager for our annual closure dates.

★ You can get up to £2,000 per child each year towards childcare costs with Tax-Free Childcare ★

Tax-Free Childcare is for working families, including those self-employed.

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

## How does it work?

For every £8 you pay into your online account, the government will pay in £2. This means you can get up to £2,000 per year for each child towards the cost of childcare (or up to £4,000 per year if your child is disabled).

If you're eligible, you'll need to create an online childcare account via the [Government Tax-Free Childcare site](#). It should take about 20 minutes to set up, and you'll need your national insurance number to hand (if you're self-employed, you'll also need your unique taxpayer reference)

## Funded Hours at Brightsparks Day Nurseries

The Government has announced plans to increase access to funded childcare hours. The phased introduction of this plan begins in April 2024 through to September 2025

- From April 2024, children aged two to receive 15 hours of funded childcare.
- As of September 2024, children aged nine months also will have access to the 15 hours of funded childcare.
- By September 2025, all eligible children aged from 9 months to school age to receive 30 hours of funded childcare.  
Funding Options Current Available – April 2024

**We want to make sure that families use their funding to its full potential, and this is why we stretch all funding across the year instead of limiting it to the term time only.**



### **Funded childcare 15 hours – Stretched to 11 hours a week.**

All parents of 3 and 4 year-olds are entitled to the 15 hours of funding. From the term after your child's 3rd birthday and until they start school. It's known as the 15 hours funding since it relates to 15 hours of funded care term-time only.

#### **How do I get it?**

Your nursery manager will automatically apply this to your account the term after your child turns three.



### **Funded childcare 15 hours for 2 year-olds- Stretched to 11 hours a week.**

Some parents will be able to apply for 15 hours funding for 2 year olds If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as Income Support or Universal Credit, or your child has Disability Living Allowance or an education, health and care (EHC) plan, you may be able to get 15 funded hours for your child.

**How do I get it?** You'll need to speak to your local council or nursery manager.



### **From April 2024 new funding for 2 year old (Working Families) Stretched to 11 hours a week.**

More parents will be able to apply for 15 hours funding for two year olds. You may be eligible for 15 hours funding for your two year old if you are working and earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national living or minimum wage, but less than £100,000 a year. If you are a couple, then this applies to each of you – if one of you doesn't work, or one of you earns over £100,000, you won't be eligible.

#### **How do I get it?**

To find out more about the new funding, please sign up on the government Childcare Choices website and speak to your Nursery Manager.



### **Funded childcare 30 hours (Currently for 3 and 4 Year Olds) Stretched to 22 hours a week.**

You may be eligible for an additional 15 hours (30 hours funding). You must be working and earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national living or minimum wage, but less than £100,000 a year. If you are a couple, then this applies to each of you – if one of you doesn't work, or one of you earns over £100,000, you won't be eligible.

#### **How do I get it?**

You need to apply for the additional 15 funded hours through the government's website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working> Applying for additional 15 hours funded childcare usually takes people around 20 minutes. You'll need your National Insurance number (or your Unique Taxpayer Reference if you're self-employed). If you are a couple, you will need this information for each of you. If your application is successful, you'll receive the additional 15 hours funding code. Just send us the code and your national insurance number and we will apply the extra funding to your account.



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Choices

Not sure what support  
**you** could get with  
childcare costs? Go to  
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