Welcome to Springboard Nursery

Parents Guide to Funding, Fees and Private Day Care Costs

Government Funded Childcare

Government-funded childcare is support from the government to help with the cost of nursery fees while giving your child the very best start in life.

There are a range of Government funded schemes which are available to support you with your childcare costs such as, 30 hours childcare for eligible working families, 15 hours early learning for families in England, receiving some additional form of support, 15 hours childcare for all families in England, Tax-free childcare, Universal Credit Childcare and Study support.

To see which one suites you best please visit: ***https:www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-support-available***

More information on some of the schemes are outlined in this guide:

30 hours childcare for eligible working families in England aged 9months to 4 years

From September 2025, eligible working parents of children aged nine months up to school age can access up to 30 hours a week, for 38 weeks of the year. Here at springboard nursery these hours can be stretched over 48 weeks of the year resulting in up to 24 hours a week. These funded hours are designed to make childcare more affordable for families and to ensure every child can enjoy high-quality early education in a safe, nurturing environment. This scheme is intended to pay for up to 30 hours a week high quality, flexible childcare for eligible working parents. The 30 hours accessed are free of charge to parents; however Government funding does not cover consumables such as: meals, additional hours or additional activities (please refer to page 5 for information on consumables).

Please visit: ***https://www.betterstartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education-15-and-30-hours-support/working-families***

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15 hours early learning for families in England, receiving some additional support.

If your child is 2 years old and you are receiving some additional support, there are funding options available to help with childcare costs.

Eligible 2-year-olds can receive up to 15 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. Here at Springboard Nursery these hours can be stretched across 48 weeks of the year at 12 hours per week under the Government scheme: 15 hours early learning for families in England, receiving some additional form of support. To qualify, children must meet certain criteria, including those in care, receiving Disability Living Allowance, or coming from families receiving benefits such, as Universal Credit with a household income below £26,500.

Please visit: ***https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/additionalsupport/eligability***

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15 hours of childcare is available for all families in England, children aged 3-4 years.

All 3 and 4-year-olds who live in England are entitled to this offer irrespective of income levels, benefit status, or family circumstances. You are able to access 15 hours of childcare or early education for 38 weeks of the year, at Springboard Nursery we do have some availability to stretch these hours over 48 weeks of the year at 12 hours per week.

Please Visit: ***https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours- support/universal-offer***

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Tax-Free Childcare

Tax free childcare is a scheme to support parents / carers with childcare costs for parents of children under 12 (or 17 if disabled) The scheme pays 20% of your Private daycare sessions costs for eligible working parents. This equates to a £2.00 top up for every £8.00 towards costs. 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.

Please visit: ***https://www.betterstartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/tax-free-childcare***

Private Daycare Sessions at Springboard Nursery

9 months -2 years old	**School day** 9:00-3:00 £40.50	**Full day** 8:00-4:00 £53.00	**Additional hours** 8:00am-9:00am (Breakfast club) £7.50 3:00pm-4:00pm– £6.00
2-4 years old	**School day** 9:00-3:00 £36.75	**Full day** 8:00-4:00 £48.00	**Additional hours** 8:00am-9:00am (Breakfast club) £7.50 3:00pm-4:00pm– £6.00

All session prices include meals, snacks and daily consumables.

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Consumable Costs at Springboard Nursery

Children who are receiving **Working Parent Entitlement** funding are asked to contribute a weekly donation for consumables which will be added and itemized on invoices. If your child receives Pupil Premium funding, as part of our commitment to providing equality of opportunity nursery contributes this on your behalf. We regularly use a wide range of consumable resources as they are used to enhance our provision and expand on your child's learning and development.
For example consumables are items such as:

- Snacks - whole pieces of fruit
- Suncream, waterproofs, wellies
- Wipes
- Toothbrush and tooth paste

Please refer to the chart below which demonstrates how we will implement and itemize these donations on your monthly invoice.

Child receiving up to 12 hours of funding per week	£2.00 per week (equivalent to 50p per session/ 0.17p per hour)
Child receiving up to 15 hours of funding per week	£2.50 per week (equivalent to 50p per session/ 0.17p per hour)
Child receiving up to 24 hours of funding per week	£4.00 per week (equivalent to 50p per session/ 0.17p per hour)
Child receiving up to 30 hours of funding per week	£5.00 per week (equivalent to 50p per session/ 0.17p per hour)

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How Springboard Nursery supports funded childcare

We know childcare costs can feel overwhelming, and applying for funding isn't always straightforward.

Here's how we help:

Flexible hours – no matter which scheme you take up, you can spread your funded hours across the whole year, not just term time. So if you are accessing 30 hours it works out at up to 24 hours a week for 48 weeks, or if you are accessing 15 hours it works out at 12 hours a week for 48 weeks of the year, giving you more consistency.

Reminders to keep you on track – if you miss your email from the government gateway don't worry as we will also remind you when it's time to reconfirm your code, it is around every three months, so you don't risk losing your funding.

Help whenever you need it – our friendly nursery team are here to answer your questions, guide you through the application process, and to make sure your child's funded place runs smoothly.

We hope this Guide has been useful to you and helped you pick which scheme will benefit your house hold the most. Once again any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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