

## Funded childcare

The government provides different funding options to help families cover the cost of childcare.

Funding is currently available for children aged 9 months to school age.

Please see below for more information of the different funding available.

<p style="text-align: center;">Babies and children aged <b>9 months and 2 years old</b> Working Families Funding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children aged <b>2 years old</b> Play2Learn Funding (Bexley) Together for Twos (Eltham)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">30 hours of funding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15 Hours of funding</p>
<p>For working families in England.</p> <p>With children aged between <b>9 months and 2-year-old</b></p> <p>30 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks</p> <p>Families who meet certain income requirements.</p> <p>A total of 1140 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider.</p> <p>At <a href="#">Bubbles Nurseries</a> you will be able to 'stretch' the hours over 51 weeks, using approximately 22 hours per week.</p>	<p>For families in England, receiving some forms of support.</p> <p>With <b>2-year-old children</b></p> <p>15 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks</p> <p>To be able to take up 15 hours of funded childcare for your two-year-old you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria. Please visit <a href="https://www.gov.uk">GOV.UK</a> for further information.</p> <p>A total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider.</p> <p><a href="#">Bubbles Nurseries</a> offers limited 2-year funded sessions. Please speak to the nursery manager if this is of interest to you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">To check your eligibility, please visit the following website: <a href="https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/">https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/</a></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Children aged <b>3 and 4 years</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">15 hours of funding Universal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30 hours of funding Working Families Funding</p>
<p>For all families in England</p> <p>With <b>3 and 4-year-old children</b></p> <p>3-year funding is available for all children from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.</p> <p>15 hours of funded childcare or early education for 38 weeks</p> <p>A total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider.</p> <p>At <a href="#">Bubbles Nurseries</a> you will be able to 'stretch' the hours over 51 weeks, using approximately 11 hours per week.</p>	<p>For working families in England</p> <p>With <b>3 and 4-year-old children</b></p> <p>3-year funding is available for those who are eligible from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.</p> <p>30 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks</p> <p>A total of 1,140 hours per year, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider.</p> <p>At <a href="#">Bubbles Nurseries</a> you will be able to 'stretch' the hours over 51 weeks, using approximately 22 hours per week.</p> <p>To check eligibility, please set up a Childcare Account by visiting the following website: <a href="https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/">https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/</a></p>

**Please call Bubbles Nurseries to discuss this funding in more detail and confirm availability of your required days and/or sessions.**

**Bubbles Nurseries Eltham: 020 8859 0888**

**Bubbles Nurseries Bexley: 020 8304 0065**

# Funding and Fees at Bubbles Nurseries

Funding can be used in a number of different ways to help towards nursery costs.

As every family has their own requirements there is no universal nursery fee at Bubbles Nurseries which encompasses all of the variations that we offer including the funded hours.

Please note: Government funding is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.

## Funding – Full Year or Term time.

Bubbles Nurseries will only be able to claim funding once parents complete and sign a parent declaration giving us permission to claim the funding on their behalf.

At Bubbles Nurseries you can use your funding in two ways, either **All Year** round or **Term time** only.

Below details how we use the funding in both Bubbles Nurseries.

Options	15 hours funded (3- & 4-year-olds)	30 hours funded (9 months to school)
Full Time (51 weeks a year) Stretched funding	11 hr 11 min funded childcare a week	22 hrs 21 min funded childcare a week
Term Time Only (38 weeks a year) Spaces are limited and subject to availability.	15 hours funded childcare a week	30 hours funded childcare a week.

## Flexible childcare options.

At Bubbles Nurseries we aim to be as flexible as possible, this enables us to meet families' individual needs. As such our fees are worked out individually and take in consideration the following:

	Option	Details	Nursery Fee's
A	Which nursery the child attends	Bubbles Nurseries Bexley or Bubbles Nurseries Eltham	Nursery fees may differ between each setting
B	The age of the child attending	Bubbles Nurseries accept children from 3 months to school age.	Nursery fees may differ dependant on the age of the child.
C	If the child attends Full Year or Term Time Only	Full time = 51 weeks a year Term Time = 38 weeks	This impacts on the amount of funding and the nursery fees applicable.
D	Number of hours attending	The nursery is open from 7.30 am to 6.30 pm, 5 days a week – a maximum attendance of 55 hours a week. Funding covers a maximum of 10 hours a day.	Nursery fees are calculated depending on the hours of attendance and the amount of funding claimed.

E	Whether the child attend full days and or part days (sessions)	Full days 8am to 6pm Part days (sessions) = 8am to 1pm 1pm to 6pm	Different rates apply depending on if the child attend full or part days. Full Day = £95.00 Session = £65.00
F	Any additional childcare	Early starts (7.30am) Late finishes (6.30pm) Holiday sessions Full Day (9am to 5pm) Holiday sessions Part Day (9am to 1pm or 9am to 5pm)	£5.00 a day £5.00 a day £75.00 a day £40.00 a day
G	Meals and snacks	Dependant on hours attending, may include: Breakfast Cooked Lunch Cooked Tea 3 x snacks	Non funded fees are fully inclusive of all meals and snacks.  For fully funded hours a meal fee may be added*. This we be dependent on the age of the child, the hours attending and funding claimed.
H	Essentials and extras	Consist of a variety of options which may include: Forrest school sessions (Bexley Nursery) Additional festivals/celebrations Outings and trips Famly subscription Additional events. Wipes	Non funded fees are full inclusive of essentials and extras.  For funded hours a fee for essentials and extras may be added *. This is dependent on the child's hours of attendance and participation in these extras.
I	Additional Voluntary services offered on a termly basis	For example: Football sessions Music & dance sessions	Charged individually by the company offering the service and added to nursery invoices.

\* Unless stated all nursey fees are inclusive of funded hours, additional hours and voluntary consumables cost which includes all meals and essentials & extras.

Bubbles Nurseries offers limited sessions for families to opt out of the meal and essentials and extras costs and use their funding for a fully funded place.

Families who are offered opt out sessions must provide their child with all snacks and meals, (in line with nursery polices) and wipes. They will also be asked for a voluntary contribution towards special events.

If you are interested in opting out of the essentials and extras cost, please ensure you inform the nursery manager, and they will confirm availability for you.

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### Nursery Fee's Examples:

See below for examples as to how nursery fees are calculated. Once you return your placement request form to the nursery and your sessions have been confirmed we will send you the applicable nursery fee's.

**Example 1 – 1 year old baby attends four sessions and one full day a week, 38 weeks a year, claiming 30 hours funding.**

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**Example 2 – 2-year-old attending five full days plus early starts (7.30am), all year round , claiming 30 hours funding**

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**Example 3 – 3-year-old, attending two full days and one-half day, term time only, claiming 15 hours funding.**

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## Additional help with nursery fee's

Bubbles Nurseries encourage parents to explore other options to help with nursery costs including:

### Tax-Free childcare

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **an average of £183** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**
- For further information visit: [Tax-Free Childcare- GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

### Universal Credit for childcare

- For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales**
- With **children under 17**
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax-Free Childcare
- <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>

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