BRIGHT SPARKS

Pre-School Shenfield

Inspiring minds for a bright future

Understanding your funded hours

Snacks, Consumables and Additional Provisions

At Bright Sparks Pre-School, we provide exciting learning experiences where children can learn, create and thrive.

Government Funding helps provide your child's Early Years Education. However, many of the additional experiences, resources and opportunities we offer are not fully covered by this funding.

This leaflet explains what our additional contributions support and how they will benefit your child.



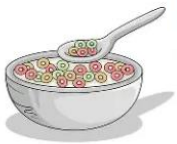
Together, we help every child shine!



Early Bird Session



Children may attend our Early Bird Session using their funded hours.
7.30am – 9am



Optional Breakfast Provision

Breakfast £1.50 per day

Breakfast is entirely optional and children may still attend without purchasing breakfast.





Snacks



We provide healthy and nutritious snacks throughout the day to support your children's wellbeing, independence & Social Development.

Included:

- ✓ Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- ✓ Healthy Snack
- ✓ Milk and water
- ✓ Snack preparation activities
- ✓ Celebration Food experiences

£1.50 Per Session

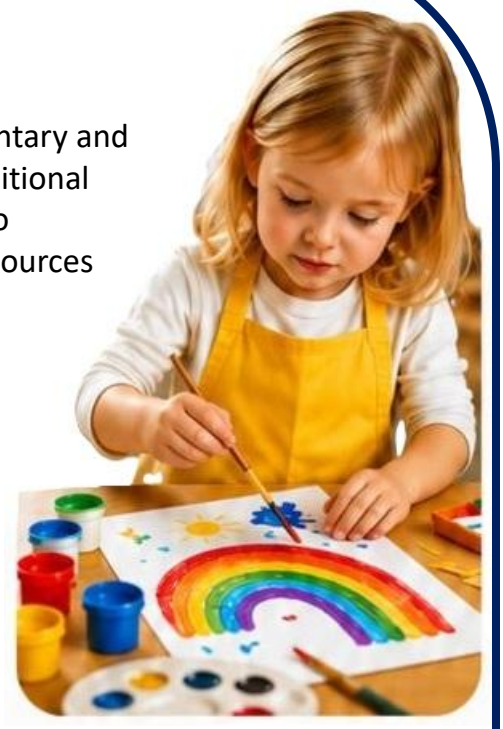
Children attending all day receive both a morning and afternoon snack





Consumables

The consumables contribution is voluntary and is intended to contribute towards additional consumable items provided directly to children, rather than the everyday resources required to deliver the EYFS.



The Consumables provided by Bright Sparks include:

☑	Sun cream / Sun protection
☑	Special Celebration resources
☑	Cultural Celebration resources
☑	Specific event resources
☑	Celebration related ingredients and materials
☑	Specific resources for individual celebration experiences
☑	Seasonal celebration consumables
☑	Special Books
☑	Other additional consumable items used specifically for optional events and experiences

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	Morning	9-12	£3.75
	Extended Morning	9-1	£5.00
	Afternoon	12-3.30	£4.38
	Full Day	9-3.30	£8.12
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These items are clearly identified so that parents understand what their voluntary contribution supports.

If a parent chooses not to pay the voluntary consumables contribution, they may provide their own applicable consumable items for their child. For optional celebration, cultural or special-event resources, the child will be offered an appropriate alternative experience as part of the setting's usual provision. A parent's decision not to contribute will not affect their child's funded hours or access to the setting's EYFS provision. cultural or special-event resources, the child will be offered an appropriate alternative experience as part of the setting's usual provision. A parent's decision not to contribute will not affect their child's funded hours or access to the setting's EYFS provision.

Standard consumable charges apply to each session attended







Additional Services

The following additional services and enrichment opportunities are voluntary and are provided by Bright Sparks:

Included:

☑	**Little Explorers** Additional outdoor learning experiences designed to develop children's confidence, curiosity, independence and connection with the natural environment.	
☑	**Community Walks** Exploring our local community and learning about the world around us.	
☑	**Little Scientists** Additional hands-on science experiences encouraging children to explore, investigate, experiment and develop problem-solving skills.	
☑	**Little Chefs** Additional cooking experiences supporting children's understanding of healthy eating, independence and practical life skills.	
☑	**Music & Communication Structured Group** A daily, adult-led small-group programme delivered by specially trained staff, providing additional support for speech, language, communication, confidence and social interaction, beyond the core EYFS provision.	
☑	**Family Fun Days** Additional opportunities for children and families to participate in special activities and shared experiences.	
☑	**Specialist Visitors** Additional experiences provided by visitors with specific knowledge or expertise to extend children's interests and experiences.	
☑	**Seasonal Celebrations** Additional experiences linked to specific seasonal events and celebrations.	
☑	**Graduation events** Special events celebrating children's achievements and transition to their next stage.	
☑	**Stay and Play Sessions** Additional opportunities for parents and carers to join their children in activities and experience their learning environment.	
☑	**Enhanced Curriculum Experiences** Additional experiences designed to extend children's learning beyond the setting's usual daily provision.	
☑	**Optional trips and outings** Additional experiences outside the setting which extend children's experiences of the wider community.	





Communication & Family Support

These are provided as part of our normal service and are not subject to an additional charge:

- Tapestry online learning journal
- Nursery app communication
- Parent meetings
- Progress updates
- Family events and communication
- Home learning support



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If a parent chooses not to pay for an optional additional service, activity, event, trip or enrichment experience, their child will continue to attend their funded session and access the setting's usual EYFS provision. An appropriate alternative activity or learning experience will be provided where the additional activity takes place during the child's funded hours. A parent's decision not to contribute will not affect their child's funded hours or access to the setting.

Why do we ask for contributions?

Government funding provides valuable support for children's early education and care. However, it does not always cover the full cost of delivering the high-quality experiences, resources and staffing that families value.
Voluntary contributions help us continue to provide the enhanced opportunities, resources and personalised support that make Bright Sparks such a special place to learn and grow.

Our Commitment to Quality

At Bright Sparks, we believe every child deserves individual attention and meaningful learning experiences. Where possible, we operate with staffing levels above minimum statutory requirements to provide:

- ☑ **More Personalised Support**
  Smaller group sizes mean more individual time and attention for every child.



- ☑ **Enhanced learning opportunities**
  Extra resources and specialist equipment to inspire curiosity, exploration and achievement.



- ☑ **Strong relationships with children and families**
  Time to build trust, understand needs and create a supportive environment for all.



- ☑ **Ongoing development and training**
  Regular training and professional development ensure our team delivers the highest quality care and education.



Meet our Director Rachel Wells



Rachel Wells is a qualified Early Years professional and the proud director of Bright Sparks Pre-Schools.

- BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies
- Over 25 years experience in early years education
- Committed to creating a warm, inclusive and inspiring environment where every child feels valued and supported.

A message from Rachel

At Bright Sparks Pre-School, our goal has always been to create a nurturing, inclusive and inspiring environment where every child can thrive.
We are passionate about providing rich learning experiences, meaningful relationships and opportunities that help children develop confidence, independence and a lifelong love of learning.

Government funding provides valuable support for early years education, but the additional contributions outlined in this booklet help us continue to offer the enhanced resources, experiences, staffing and opportunities that make Bright Sparks such a special place for children and families.

We believe in being open and transparent about how these contributions are used and are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our families.

Together we can continue to provide the very best start for every child.



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Thank you for being part of our Bright Sparks family

We're Here for you
If you have any questions about our funded childcare, additional provisions, services or contributions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're always happy to help.