Fees are payable on a monthly basis for the calendar month in advance. For example, if you are paying for September, payment must be made before the 1st of September. Payments can be made in cash, directly to Dazzling stars account, or through a government account.

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|  | **2 years** | **3 - 5 years** |
| **Full Week fees Monday to Friday 7:30am-6:00pm** | **£240** | **£220** |
| **Daily rate 7:30am-6:00pm** | **£45** | **£40** |
| **Morning session 8:00am- 1:00pm** | **£30** | **£25** |
| **Afternoon session 1:30pm – 6:30pm** | **£30** | **£25** |
| **Fixed Monthly fee for 5 days:** | **£960** | **£880** |

* – Dazzling Stars fees are inclusive of fruits, drinks, and snacks prepared on-site
* – 10% Sibling Discounts Available for the eldest sibling.
* – We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-free Childcare, Student Grants, and all forms of childcare payments.
* – 15 and 30 hours of government funding available for eligible children.

**FREE Early Education for two-year-olds**

Some two-year-olds in the borough can get 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. It’s usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

Your two-year-old can get free early education and childcare if you live in England and either:

 If you’re getting benefits

·        Income support

·        Income-based jobseeker’s allowance (not eligible if on contribution-based jobseeker’s allowance)

·        Income-related employment and support allowance (not eligible if on contribution-based employment support allowance)​

·        Tax credits (with an annual income of under £16,190 before tax)

·        Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act

·        The guaranteed element of state pension credit

·        Universal credit – if you and your partner have a combined income from work of less than £15,400 a year after tax

·       Working tax credit four-week run-on

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/)

**Extended 3-4-Year-old 30-hour entitlement**

The 15-hour universal free childcare is not dependant on your financial or employment circumstances; this is available to ALL 3-4-year-olds.

​Children are eligible from the term following their 3rd birthday until they reach compulsory school age whether they take up the universal 15 hours or extended 30-hour entitlement.

**Month child was born                                       School term free childcare can start**

​Between 1st January & 31st March               From 1st April (summer term)

Between 1st April & 31st August                    From 1st September (autumn term)

Between 1st September & 31st August        From 1st January (spring term)

**30 hours of funded childcare** is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare.

Designed to enable parents to return to work or to work additional hours.

​**30 hours Extended Entitlement Checklist**

Set up an online [Government Gateway account](http://www.gateway.gov.uk/)

Apply for the extended entitlement [here](https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds).

Complete a parent declaration form provided from each childcare provider with your 11 digit code for each child accessing the additional hours.

We will then verify the eligibility code with Bexley Council and process your application accordingly

We will confirm a place has been secured for your child (and you will identify the provider for universal 15 hours) once the code has been verified.

Any additional services or hours above entitlement must be agreed for and paid for by you the parent/carer

A parent needs to re-confirm eligibility every 3 months with HMRC.

If you fall out of eligibility, you will enter a grace period which will enable access to the funded place until that grace period ends.