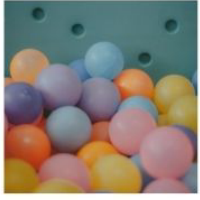


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## TO BRIGHTSIDE PRESCHOOL

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# The Brightside Story



WELCOME TO BRIGHTSIDE PRESCHOOL



**Brightside Preschool is a brand new nursery opening in January 2023. Our Managing Director - Alison, created Brightside Preschool after working with children for over 21 years. Having personally struggled to balance having a career with having a family, and finding affordable childcare, Alison wanted to make a change right here in her home town.**

**"Brightside Preschool is a place where passionate practitioners can come together to make a difference to families in our community. Our mission is to make high-quality childcare affordable and accessible to every family in Hatfield."**

Located at Breaks Manor in Hatfield, Brightside Preschool will provide sessional care for children aged from 3 months up to 5 years, between 8.50am and 2.50pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

Brightside Preschool is a Community Interest Company, which means we are not here to make a profit by charging high nursery fees! Any profits we make go straight back into the Preschool to benefit the children and their families.

We will review our opening hours regularly and should there be a local need we will look to extend our services. Please get in contact if you have childcare needs outside of our current offering.

# OUR MISSION

## SHOWING YOUNG MINDS THE BRIGHTSIDE IN EVERY DAY

Brightside Preschool intend to create a warm, friendly, and nurturing environment where children can develop at their own pace.

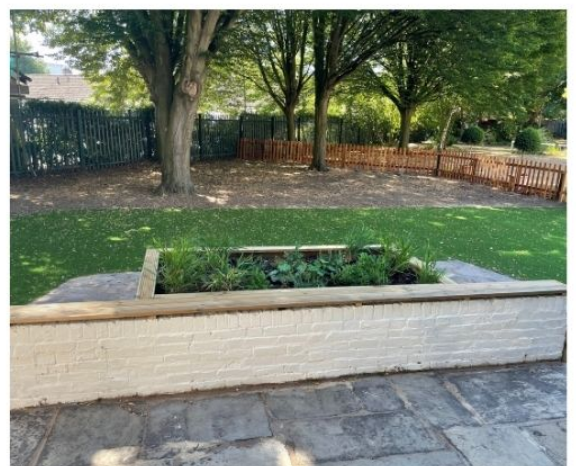
Through our diverse curriculum, we will introduce children to new topics and experiences, exploring their individual interests and encouraging their natural curiosity. We will build relationships with families, working together to ensure every child thrives throughout their early years.

The use of online learning journals will allow families to be consistently informed of the experiences and learning seen throughout their time at preschool, as well as providing opportunities for families to get involved with activities and share experiences and learning from home. Brightside Preschool value individuality and will be creating an atmosphere that celebrates diversity.

In our preschool, children learn through play and experience a range of learning opportunities inspired by their interests, and experiences from the world around us.

Our homely environment will be located within the ground floor of Breaks Manor with direct access to the gardens. We will make regular use of the onsite sports court in our 'Let's Move!' sessions as well as enjoying Tots Tennis with 'My Tennis Coaching'.

Our inclusive setting is wheelchair friendly with step free access throughout, with access to a disabled toilet.







## OUR ROUTINE

8:50 Children arrive

8:50 Morning session begins - Free-flow play both inside and outside. Snack. Small group activities. Circle Time.

11:50 Children leave/arrive

11:50-12:50 Lunch Club

11:50 Afternoon session begins - Lunch. Sleep/quiet time. Free-flow play both inside and outside. Snack. Small group activities. Circle Time.

14:50 Home Time

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

To promote the health and physical development of the children, we will be encouraging them to be active - aiming for the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

Children are naturally active when moving throughout the preschool and additionally, we will be running some fun 'Let's Move!' sessions, Tots Tennis sessions, Mini Football sessions and more!

Life at  
**BRIGHTSIDE  
PRESCHOOL**



# THE EYFS

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## ★ THE EYFS

The early years foundation stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old. All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, preschools, nurseries and school reception classes.

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## ★ AREAS OF LEARNING

There are 7 areas of learning which are:

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development
- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

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## ★ FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

Your child's progress will be reviewed when they're between 2 and 3 by an early years practitioner or health visitor.

Their class teacher will then assess them at the end of the school year when they turn 5.

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## ★ OBSERVATIONS

During your child's time at Brightside Preschool their Key Worker will observe their play and link their observations to the 7 areas of learning. Observations will be shared with you via our online learning journal provider Famly. The Key Worker will regularly review the observations to check how your child's development is progressing, to plan activities and provide resources to help encourage them to progress further, or bridge any gaps in their learning.



## MY BELONGINGS

What do I need to bring to Preschool with me?

Children will need to bring a bag with 2/3 changes of clothes, nappies/wipes or spare underwear, and nappy cream if required. Comforters are welcome.

In cold/wet weather children will need a coat, hat, gloves and welly boots.

In sunny weather children need to bring a sun hat and wear sun cream. Bring in sun cream if your child needs a certain brand to be applied.



## MY FOOD & DRINKS

What food & drink do I need to bring with me?

Children need to bring a packed lunch if they are with us over lunch time. (11:50-12:50)

We provide milk and water to drink throughout the day. Formula milk will need to be provided for babies.

We have a morning and afternoon snack and ask parents for a voluntary donation of £1 per week towards the costs.



## FEES & FUNDING

How much does it cost to attend Brightside Preschool?

Sessions attended outside of government funding are charged at:

£22.50 per 1/2 day - am/pm 0-2 yrs

£45 per full day 0-2 yrs

£200 full week 0-2 yrs

£18 per 1/2 day - am/pm 2-5 yrs

£6 for lunch club (over 2yrs only)

£36 per full day 2-5 yrs

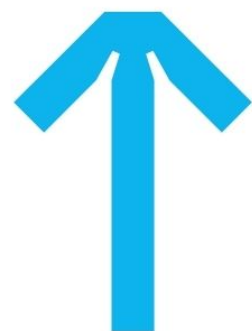
£175 full week 2-5 yrs

Children aged 3 & 4 years of age are entitled to a 15 hour funded place, free of charge to parents.

2 year olds whose parents receive certain benefits can apply for a 15 hour funded place, free of charge to parents.

Plus 3 & 4 year olds with working parents earning under £100k per year can also apply for a 30 hour funded place, free of charge to parents.

# FAQS







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