

# Best Start Plus Nursery Funding Programme 2022

Jersey  
Child  
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Trust

**Putting families first is at the heart of all that we do at the Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT). With our vision that every child in Jersey has access to the nurture, care and learning they need to thrive, we provide direct services for children and their families to enable children to have the best start.**

## About the Programme

The Jersey Child Care Trust will fund children aged 2-3 years old, for around 10 hours/3 sessions of nursery/pre-school per week (based on local provision) who have an identified developmental need or have faced or are facing challenges in their family.

## The evidence for “Best Start Plus” Nursery Funding

The Study of Early Education and Development (‘SEED’) is a major study about early years education and its impact on child development. Within one year associations between Early Childhood Education and Care (‘ECEC’) and child development were identified across all of the SEED sample, suggesting that use of ECEC has a positive benefit on cognitive and socio-emotional outcomes at age three regardless of a child’s family circumstances.

## Who can Refer

Children can be referred by their Health Visitor or Family Care Coordinator.

## Age of Child

Mainly for children who are aged 2 or 3 years old but not old enough to qualify for the Nursery Education Fund (free 30 hours). The funding does extend to younger babies and toddlers where a parent has an illness or a disability.

## Developmental Need

We will ask you to complete a chart with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire Scores, along with any further information that might help. We will only ask for information about the child’s developmental need.

**NB: Children of a parent who is/are care leavers or a Looked After Child will qualify for support from Brightly. Please contact The Coordinator, Larn-a-Lod, Rue du Coin, Grouville, JE3 9QR or [info@brightly.je](mailto:info@brightly.je)**

## Family Income and Working Status

We want to ensure the funds get to those that most need them, so we will ask about family finances and employment status. We will make sure that we are not helping someone who can access Income Support.

## Decision Making Process

A panel will meet to allocate places. The panel will include a Health Visitor, a Family Care Co-ordinator, a Day Nursery or Pre-school Manager, a member of the Brighter Futures team and members of the Jersey Child Care Trust. If the number of referrals of children with identified developmental need exceeds available funds, the panel will prioritise children, based on their developmental needs.

## Closing Date of Applications

Panel meetings are held in February, May and September. Please check the [www.jcct.org.je](http://www.jcct.org.je) for dates. Feedback will be given in writing directly to all parents and referrers after the meeting. We can only accept typed forms via email.

**For further information, please contact Sue Rawley, T: 629901 or email [sue@jcct.org.je](mailto:sue@jcct.org.je)**

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## FAMILY DETAILS

## ABOUT THE CHILD

Child's Name

Date of Birth  
dd/mm/yyyy

Ethnicity

Gender

First Language

English Speaking

Does the child have a Special Educational need or disability? Yes  No  Not sure  Waiting diagnosis

If Yes, please  
provide further details

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Has the family been  
supported by the  
MECSH programme?

Has the family  
attended groups at  
Brighter Futures?

Does the child have  
a Child in Need Plan?

Has either parent or  
the child been in care?

## ABOUT THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent/Guardian Name 1

Address  
(include Parish and Postcode)

Mobile Number

First Language

English Speaking

Email address of main carer

Does any member of the  
family suffer from Ill Health?

Does any member  
of the family suffer  
from a Disability?

Please provide further details

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## FAMILY DETAILS

## ABOUT THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent/Guardian Name 2

Address  
(include Parish and Postcode)

Mobile Number

First Language

English Speaking

## FAMILY FINANCES AND RESIDENCY

**(Please note that the family may be requested to provide further financial information for the Panel)**

Has the family been living in Jersey for more than 5 years?  
**(This does not stop you being entitled to our support)**

Yes  No

Does the family claim Income Support?

Yes  No

**ON AVERAGE, A 12 HOUR PER WEEK NURSERY PLACE COSTS £90 PER WEEK.**

a) Are the family in a financial position to fund a place at nursery? Yes  No  Maybe

b) Are the family in a financial position to partly fund a place at nursery? Yes  No  Maybe

c) Are you currently experiencing debt? Yes  No  Maybe

Please provide further details

Please give  
employment status of  
Parent/Guardian 1

Please give  
employment status of  
Parent/Guardian 2

Referrer's Name

Telephone Number

Agency

Email address

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS CHART BASED ON THE ASQ3 AND ASQ SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

Date Range	Communication	Gross Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills	Problem Solving Skills	Personal-Social Skills	Social and Emotional
2 Months	Cut off 22	Cut off 41	Cut off 30	Cut off 25	Cut off 34	
4 Months	Cut off 34	Cut off 38	Cut off 29	Cut off 34	Cut off 33	Age 6 months Cut off <b>45</b>
6 Months	Cut off 29	Cut off 22	Cut off 25	Cut off 27	Cut off 25	
8 Months	Cut off 33	Cut off 30	Cut off 40	Cut off 36	Cut off 35	
9 Months	Cut off 14	Cut off 18	Cut off 31	Cut off 29	Cut off 19	Age 12 months Cut off <b>50</b>
10 Months	Cut off 23	Cut off 30	Cut off 38	Cut off 33	Cut off 27	
12 Months	Cut off 16	Cut off 27	Cut off 34	Cut off 27	Cut off 22	
14 Months	Cut off 17	Cut off 26	Cut off 23	Cut off 22	Cut off 23	Age 18 months Cut off <b>65</b>
16 Months	Cut off 16	Cut off 38	Cut off 32	Cut off 30	Cut off 26	
18 Months	Cut off 13	Cut off 37	Cut off 34	Cut off 25	Cut off 27	
20 Months	Cut off 20	Cut off 40	Cut off 36	Cut off 29	Cut off 33	Age 24 months Cut off <b>65</b>
22 Months	Cut off 13	Cut off 28	Cut off 30	Cut off 29	Cut off 30	
24 Months	Cut off 25	Cut off 38	Cut off 35	Cut off 30	Cut off 31	
27 Months	Cut off 24	Cut off 28	Cut off 18	Cut off 28	Cut off 25	Age 30 months Cut off <b>85</b>
30 Months	Cut off 33	Cut off 36	Cut off 19	Cut off 27	Cut off 32	
33 Months	Cut off 25	Cut off 35	Cut off 12	Cut off 27	Cut off 29	Age 36 months Cut off <b>105</b>
36 Months	Cut off 31	Cut off 37	Cut off 18	Cut off 30	Cut off 35	

Further information:  
for example, have there been  
or are there any challenges that  
the family have faced or are facing?

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## REFERRER'S DECLARATION

I understand that submission of this application form does not guarantee that a place will be awarded.

I have asked the main carer to sign this form to show that they agree with the contents and agree to the referral.

I agree to inform the Jersey Child Care Trust if any of the above circumstances change for this family and if the referral is accepted, throughout the duration of the Scheme.

Signature of Professional

Date  
dd/mm/yyyy

## MAIN CARER'S DECLARATION

I support this referral to the Jersey Child Care Trust.

I understand that submission of this application form does not guarantee that a place will be awarded.

I give permission for my data to be held/processed by JCCT for the purpose of the Best Start Plus Nursery Funding Programme.

I confirm that the information about me and my family is correct and that if any of our circumstances change that I will tell the JCCT. I also give permission for the referrer to share any changes to this information directly with the JCCT.

If accepted onto the programme, I also give permission for the JCCT to share information on this form about my child's developmental scores and other information on page 4 with the nursery that my child will attend.

I confirm that, if my child is awarded funding for a nursery place, that I will allow and enable a developmental assessment to take place to show the developmental progress that my child has made during the funding period and for this to be shared with the Education Department when necessary.

## DATA PROTECTION

The information on this form will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. Please see our Privacy Policy attached for the Best Start Plus Nursery Funding Programme.

I confirm that I have read the attached Privacy Policy.

Signature of Main Carer

Date  
dd/mm/yyyy

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## PRIVACY POLICY FOR BEST START PLUS NURSERY FUNDING

At the Jersey Child Care Trust, your privacy is important to us. We ensure your data is collated, stored and processed in a fair and secure manner in line with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. We are committed to protecting your personal information and being transparent about what we do with it.

The consent you have given on the application form will only be used for the purpose of being considered for Best Start Plus Nursery Funding Programme.

We have a duty to share personal information with relevant professional agencies but only where there is a child protection or safeguarding concern.

Personal information we collect about you, will not be disclosed to any third parties except if required by law; by order of the Court; or to protect the safety of a data subject.

You have a right to:

- access the personal information which we hold about you;
- correct your personal data;
- withdraw your consent for the purpose for which the information is held;
- erase personal data from our records (unless there is a legal reason not to do so);
- restrict the processing of your data;
- raise a concern with the Jersey Child Care Trust about our handling of your personal information. If you are not satisfied with the result of your enquiry, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.

Applications that are unsuccessful will be kept for a period of 12 months from the date of receipt, following which they will be destroyed. Successful applications will be stored electronically for the duration of the allocated nursery place. After this time, the information will be stored in electronic format only at the Jersey Child Care Trust in line with our Retention Policy.

## QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions in relation to this policy on our website, please email us at [info@jcct.org.je](mailto:info@jcct.org.je)

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