



STAMFORD NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Stamford Nursery and Preschool – Funding and Fees Guide

Introduction

At Stamford Nursery and Preschool (SNPS), we are committed to providing exceptional early years education and care. This guide explains how government-funded childcare can be used with us, what is included and any additional charges. It should be read in conjunction with our full **Terms & Conditions, Fees and Funding Policy**.

Funded Childcare Entitlements

Universal Entitlement (3 & 4 Year Olds)

- All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to **15 hours per week of funded childcare**, for 38 weeks of the year (term-time), starting from the term after their third birthday.
- At SNPS, our academic year runs for **34 weeks** in line with Stamford Junior School, so funding will be applied over **34 weeks**.

Extended Entitlement – Working Family Funding (WFF) in Badgers and Preschool

- Eligible working parents may access up to **30 funded hours per week**.
- Eligibility depends on:
 - Employment status (employed, self-employed, or company director)
 - Income thresholds (each parent earning under £100,000 adjusted net income)
 - Immigration status
 - The child is usually living with you

(This is not an exhaustive list so please check with HMRC for full information.)

- Parents must apply for an **eligibility code** via HMRC and provide it to SNPS, together with a completed **Parent Declaration Form**, each year.

Without a valid code and declaration form, funding cannot be claimed, and standard session fees will apply.



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[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)

Start Dates

- Universal Funding begins the term following the child's 3rd birthday
- For WFF or Extended EYE Funding, this begins with confirmation of eligibility.

How Funding Works at SNPS

All Year Round (Stretched) Funding for 2 – 3-year-olds:

- Funding will be “stretched” across 47.5 - weeks a year - meaning fewer hours per week can be used, but this is spread across our annual opening weeks of the year.
- This can be used for 24 or 12 hours a week, depending on entitlement.

Term Time Only Funding for 3 – 4- year-olds:

- Funding is applied for the term-time weeks a child attends the setting.
- Our term-time only funding is applied for **34 weeks** a year, in line with Stamford Junior School term dates.
- For most children, this is 15 hours of universal funding, which can be used in 5-hour block sessions at SNPS.

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What Funding Covers

- Government funding is designed to cover the **basic provision of childcare**.
- It does **not** cover:
 - Meals



- Nappies/consumables
- Extra hours outside funded entitlement
- Stamford Enhanced Provision (SEP)

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- The SEP ensures we can continue to offer the **high-quality care, resources, and experiences** expected at SNPS.
- Payment of the SEP is required when funded hours are taken. If parents do not wish to pay SEP, we are unable to deliver funded sessions, and our standard fee rates apply.

Additional Conditions

- **Administration Fee:** A one-off, non-refundable £150 administration fee applies, except for children attending only with Early Years Entitlement (EYE) funding.
- **Holiday Entitlement:** Families on all-year-round contracts have a discretionary **two-week holiday allowance** (booked at least 4 weeks in advance).
- Funding cannot be claimed before **08:00**.

At Stamford Nursery and Preschool, we aim to make funding as straightforward as possible for families while maintaining the highest quality of care. For any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Nicky Woodward, Nursery and Preschool Manager or Nina Armstrong, Nursery Business Manager.