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Stamford Nursery and Preschool – Funding and Fees Guide from January 2026

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** and current **Fee Prices**.

Funded Childcare Entitlements

Visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk for more information about what childcare funding is available for you. SNPS accept funded children from the term after their 2nd birthday. All parents must complete a Parent Declaration Form each year and provide valid eligibility codes (if required).

Families in Receipt of Additional Support (FRAS)

- Eligible children are entitled to up to 15 hours per week of funded childcare, for 38 weeks of the year (term-time), starting from the term after their second birthday.

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.

Working Parent Entitlements (WP)

- Eligible working parents may access up to 30 funded hours per week (subject to availability).
- Parents must apply for an eligibility code via HMRC and provide it to SNPS.



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Parents are responsible for obtaining and renewing their Working Parent eligibility code by the deadline each term (31st August, 31st December and 31st March). Without a valid code and declaration form, funding cannot be claimed, and standard session fees will apply.

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

How is Funded Childcare Delivered at SNPS

At SNPS, our academic year runs for **34 weeks** in line with Stamford Junior School, so funding will be applied over **34 weeks for all children claiming up to 15 hours (Universal or FRAS)**.

Funding at Stamford Nursery and Preschool will be delivered as follows:

Term Time Only (TTO) – Standard Claim

- 15 hours Universal Funding.
- Funding will be applied following the term times of Stamford Junior School.
- Funding will be applied to sessions between 08:00 – 13:00, in 3 x 5-hour blocks.
- Hours attended outside of these funded hours will be charged accordingly.

All Year Round (AYR) – Stretched Claim Universal

- Up to 12 hours of Universal funding (stretched delivery).
- Invoices will apply funding to sessions between 09:00 and 15:00 – meaning funding can be applied in 4 x 3-hour or 2 x 6-hour blocks.
- Hours attended outside of these funded hours will be charged accordingly.

All Year Round (AYR) – Stretched Claim Extended

- Up to 24 hours of extended funding for Working Parents over 47.5 weeks (stretched delivery).
- Invoices will apply funding to sessions between 08:00 – 17:00 – meaning funding can be applied in 3 x 8-hour blocks or 6 x 4-hour blocks.
- Hours attended outside of these funded hours will be charged accordingly.



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Additional Conditions

- **Administration Fee:** A one-off, non-refundable £150 administration fee applies to all applicants, except for children attending only with Early Years Entitlement (EYE) funding.

Food at SNPS

All food at Stamford Nursery and Preschool is prepared freshly, onsite, in partnership with our catering provider Holroyd Howe. This ensures that we are nutritionally compliant with EYFS regulations and allergy compliant to meet the needs of children in the setting.

- **Breakfast** includes cereals, fruit, yoghurt, milk and water.
- **Lunch** includes a freshly made, hot main meal – see our website for the menu [Nursery Lunch Menu](#)
- *Children attending a funded session have the option to opt out of hot lunch but must comply with our packed-lunch policy. Please speak to the Nursery Manager if you wish to use this option.*
- **Light tea** is served to all children at the setting between 17:00 and 18:00. This includes sandwiches, wraps, crudites, crisps or crackers and fresh fruit. Children wanting tea need to be booked for this session and will be charged for tea. *Children not wanting tea must be collected by 17:00.*

Cost of meals at Stamford Nursery and Preschool from January 2026

Breakfast	£2.00
Lunch	£4.00
Light tea	£3.00

Room Structure at SNPS

- **Badgers** are our 2 – 3-year-olds.
- **Hedgehogs** are children aged 3 but not yet in their preschool year. Or, for children who have been with us as a Badger in the previous academic year.
- **Preschoolers** are children aged 3&4, in their full academic year at Stamford Preschool before moving to their Reception year.



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Additional Activities at SNPS

We are extremely proud of our extensive offering at Stamford Nursery and Preschool. Activities that are beyond the statutory EYFS framework are classed as additional activities. These are charged per session, for which a full breakdown can be found below.

These activities are optional for parents to purchase. There are sessions available without any extracurricular activities to allow parents to access their funded entitlements without any additional costs. However, please note that during Forest School and Swimming sessions, there is no alternative session available during that time. These sessions are clearly labelled to allow parents to make informed choices about their childcare. There is no mandatory condition that parents must purchase extra services to access their Early Years Entitlements. We offer a variety of fully funded sessions available for parents to select from.

All children at Stamford Nursery and Preschool have access to expansive outdoor space, and outdoor play is available every day in all our sessions.

Outdoor Ventures (Forest School)

- Outdoor Ventures is led by our Level 3 Forest School Teacher in our dedicated outdoor classroom. This goes above and beyond the EYFS statutory guidelines and is a key part of the Stamford Junior School ethos.
- Forest School sessions are delivered if your child attends nursery for these sessions, and the additional cost will be charged accordingly - please see the current Fee Structure for prices. If you do not want your child to take part in Forest School, please select alternative sessions, as the classroom will be unavailable during this time.

Preschool Swimming

- Swimming lessons are delivered on a Thursday morning and will be charged for all children booked on a Thursday.
- These lessons are delivered by the Swim School Team from Stamford Junior School in small groups, with the Preschool Team on poolside to support the children.



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- If you do not want your child to take part in swimming lessons, please select alternative sessions, as the classroom will be unavailable during this time.

Preschool Spanish

- Spanish lessons are delivered on a Tuesday afternoon. This is delivered by the Junior School Modern Foreign Languages teacher in two groups, to ensure bespoke and tailored learning for children to learn. Please see the current Fee Structure for prices.

Preschool Dance Lessons

- We offer the additional option of Dance lessons on a Friday in the Preschool, delivered by Stamford Studio Dance. The cost of the sessions is set by the external provider – please ask for more details.