

Stanmore Montessori Fees Policy

Stanmore Montessori is a fully inclusive Private Nursery open 38 weeks in each academic year. There are three terms and termly fees are the same amount (relevant to morning sessions) irrespective of the number of weeks in each term.

Before starting at Stanmore Montessori a £500 deposit is required to be paid. This is fully refunded when a term's notice is given in writing to withdraw a child.

Morning sessions are: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 12.15pm

Afternoon sessions are: Monday – Friday 12.00pm -2.45pm

Payment of fees must be paid in full before the start of each term.

Fees include:

- Specialist activities such as Stretch and Grow sessions, Art, Music and Movement classes, Yoga and Mindfulness, ICT
- Enhanced staff ratios to enable a 1:5 staff to child ratio for 3-4 year olds. This enables more attention for each child at this important stage in their development, than the 1:8 ratio required by Early Years
- An extensive range of Montessori didactic equipment designed to help children develop through specialist teaching methods
- Additional 1.25 hours to the funded 15 hours per week

Funding available

Harrow Early Years provide Nursery Education Funding (NEF) for all children aged 3-4 years old as part of the delivery of the EYFS curriculum. They allow for the payment of 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year. There is an hourly rate calculated each year by Harrow Early Years. The number of funded weeks may vary each term.

Eligibility for the NEF

Your child becomes eligible from the start of the term after their third birthday. Parents of children born between 1st January and 31st March can claim at the start of the new term on or after 1st April. Those who turn three between 1st April and 31st August are entitled to free childcare from 1st September. Parents with children born between 1st September and 31st December can claim the free hours at the beginning of term on or after 1st January. i.e. the dates used for this purpose are 1st January, 1st April, 1st September.

Please note that the following attendance requirements are in place to satisfy eligibility to this funding:

- **Holiday** – to continue to receive funding, your child must take no more than 2 weeks (10 school days) holidays throughout the academic year. If the holiday is for more than 2 weeks, then the funding will only be paid for half a term. If your child then takes another holiday of any length during the same academic year, no further funding will be paid.
- **Illness and absence** – if there are exceptional circumstances, for example if your child is absent due to illness or sickness for more than five days, then a letter will be required from your doctor.

- **Non-attendance notification** – if your child is unable to attend Stanmore Montessori, please call school before 9.00am on 020 89541617 for every day of non-attendance. This information will be recorded in the register.

Other fee information

There is no reduction or refund of fees should your child be away on holiday or unwell during term time.

- In situations where Stanmore Montessori is forced to close as a result of “Events outside of our control”, fees are non-refundable. **"Events outside of our control"** include acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, compliance with any law or government order, rule, regulation or direction (including that of a local authority), accident, fire, flood storm, pandemic or epidemic of any disease, terrorist attack, chemical or biological contamination.
- If an “Event outside of our control” arises which prevents or delays the schools performance of any of its obligations under this contract the school shall give you notice in writing specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to the event. Provided that the school has acted reasonably and prudently to prevent and/or minimise the effect of the event, the school will not be responsible for not performing those of our obligations which are prevented or delayed by and during the continuance of the event. To the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances the school shall try during the continuance of the event to continue to provide educational services (including by providing appropriate educational services remotely).

Additional payment methods and funding

Childcare vouchers are accepted at Stanmore Montessori.

Stanmore Montessori is registered as part of the Government Free Nursery Entitlement scheme for 2 year olds. Please check your eligibility with Harrow Council for this scheme.

Please note, however, your child attending full time at Stanmore Montessori will only total 26.25 hours. The 30 hour scheme can only be considered if the child is also with a registered approved child minder for the scheme or another approved Setting part time.

One term’s notice in writing must be given when withdrawing your child. One term’s fees in lieu of notice will be payable if notice has not been received.