

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 8.45am to 12.15pm

Afternoon sessions are:

Monday – Friday 12.00pm to 2.45pm

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

The fees are for both additional hours and services that are provided at Stanmore Montessori.

These include:

- Specialist activities such as keep-fit and sports sessions, modern language lessons,
 Art, Music and Movement classes, Yoga and Mindfulness
- Enhanced staff ratios to enable more attention for each child at this important stage in their development
- An extensive range of Montessori didactic equipment designed to help children develop through specialist teaching methods
- Additional 2.5 hours to the funded 15 hours per week

Government funded places for early education

Stanmore Montessori is registered with Harrow Council to accept government funding for the Nursery Education Funding (NEF).

All three and four-year-olds are entitled to apply for funding to access up to 15 hours a week through Harrow NEF with a maximum of up to 38 weeks per year. Children of working parents or carers, may qualify for an additional 15 hours a week. This is 30 hours in total. It is dependent on whether parents or carers meet the national eligibility criteria.

3 and 4 Year Old Funding - Free early education and childcare - London Borough of Harrow

Two-year-olds may also be eligible for funding if they meet specific criteria. The working family funding entitlement is increased to up to 30 hours per week for two-year-olds.

Please see Harrow Council website for the latest details of the Universal Offer and Additional Entitlement Offer and offer for 2-year-olds.

2 Year Old Funding – Free early education and childcare – London Borough of Harrow

Please request 'A Guide to Childcare Funding' for full information on how the funding operates.

Stanmore Montessori can provide a small number of fully funded places - these places are allocated to those in need.

Eligibility - age

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 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 school's performance of any of its obligations under this contract the school shall give notice in writing specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances. 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.

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.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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