



Services



Enhanced Provision



Your funded nursery hours

From April 2025, government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places to clearly break down any charges for any additional services or enhanced provision. At The Stables Day Nursery, we have always been transparent about what we offer, and this information is published on our website.

This document explains what is included in your government funding, what we offer beyond that, and why we make a consumables charge.

Under the new legislation, we have to provide transparency to parents and an option to “opt-out” of service charges, if the parent only wants to access the funded hours (with no extras.)

What is covered by government funding?

Government funding covers the basics

Government funding covers a basic Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision, which includes items such as:

- ★ Small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books, and basic craft supplies.
- ★ Sand and water play, Loose parts and construction toys.
- ★ A staffing level that meets minimum government ratios.

Funding is provided for settings to offer a basic provision of the EYFS which meets the statutory requirements.

What is NOT covered by government funding?

As the government funding is there to cover the basic provision of EYFS, there are certain things that are excluded from funding. Examples of these are:

- ☐ Meals, desserts and snacks
- ☐ Nappies, wipes, and sun cream
- ☐ Extra activities such as outings, gardening, cooking, music, or special events and parties or extra-curricular activities such as football.
- ☐ Additional high-quality resources such as sensory equipment, baking supplies, or specialist educational sessions
- ☐ Our online platform – Famly where you can see what your child has been doing.
- ☐ Special events, celebrations and parent's evenings (Halloween, Easter, Christmas, parents/Carers evening, Graduation, Stay and plays)
- ☐ Settling in sessions
- ☐ Enhanced staff ratios
- ☐ High Percentage 100% of staff qualified in first aid and food hygiene
- ☐ Nursery Visitors (Fire engines, police, doctors)
- ☐ Choice of sessions and preferred days.



We strongly believe that early years education should be rich, engaging, and full of real-world experiences. To go beyond the basics and provide the quality of care and learning we are proud of, we offer an enhanced provision—which costs more to deliver than government funding provides.

The reality of nursery funding

An underfunded political problem

Many nurseries are choosing to stop offering funded places because government funding does not cover the true cost of quality early years education.

Historically, settings have covered this cost by charging for all the additional things they do, over and above a ‘basic provision’.

We have always covered the cost of our enhanced provision by making a monthly charge called ‘service charge’. This has allowed us to provide our funded children with a rich curriculum full of learning opportunities and experiences.

At The Stables Day Nursery, we want to continue offering funded places, but this is only possible if parents understand why we make a daily service charge on the funded days and ‘opt-in’ to continue to pay it, as they have been doing since we opened.

Without this cost being met in this way, we may need to reduce the level of enrichment activities we provide or stop providing funded places in the future. We appreciate that our parents have opted to send their child to The Stables Day nursery as they want the full experience for them.

Charging a Daily ‘consumables’ fee on the funded days to parents accessing our enhanced provision will allow us to maintain the exceptional care and learning experiences we are known for.



Nursery Funding Policy at The Stables Day Nursery Ltd

What is funded childcare?

If your child is aged 9 months+ 2, 3 or 4 years you may be eligible to claim 15- or 30-hours term time funded childcare. Funded hours are accessible from the term after they turn 9 months, 2 or 3 years.

Please see attached link below for all your funded childcare information and how to apply;

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

"As we are required to provide alternative options that do not align with our business model, we will continue to keep the offer of government-funded places under ongoing review. Our duty is to act in the best interests of the company, ensuring its success and sustainability, while also prioritizing the well-being of our employees. If offering funded places compromises the viability of our business, we may need to reconsider our participation in such programs."

How We Deliver 15 and 30 Hours of Funded Childcare

At The Stables, we are committed to supporting families and our local community by offering 15- and 30-hour funded childcare. However, it is important to note that government funding only covers the basic provision of care.

Our nursery has been designed to provide a **premium early years' experience** that goes beyond the minimum requirements. To ensure we can continue delivering the high-quality service we pride ourselves on, an additional charge will apply for families who wish to access our full offering. This charge covers:

What's Included in Our Premium Service:

✓ **Nutritious, freshly prepared meals** – All meals are cooked onsite by a qualified chef, including breakfast, snacks, lunch, afternoon tea, and drinks. We also cater for special dietary requirements beyond allergy needs.



- ✓ **Daily essentials** – Nappies, wipes, Calpol and medication administration, bedding, tabards, and laundry.
- ✓ **Enhanced outdoor learning** – Puddle suits, equipment for outings, seasonal planting, sun cream, and water bottles.
- ✓ **Enriched learning experiences** – Activities such as community outings, visits from farm animals, poets, dentists, football sessions, baking, playdough-making, wildlife visits, and lending libraries. These are some examples.
- ✓ **Special events and celebrations** – Mother's Day, Father's Day, The Stables Summer Festival, graduation parties, well-being week, birthday cakes, Christmas and Easter celebrations with gifts, coffee mornings, parents' evenings, and multicultural festivals.
- ✓ **Digital access and communication** – Daily updates, online invoicing, news feeds, and an enhanced communication service.
- ✓ **Language and development tracking** – Monitoring and support for children's communication and language development.
- ✓ **Enhanced developmental meetings**- Parents evenings, coffee mornings

This list is not exhaustive but provides an overview of the additional services included.

Renewal of Funding Codes

It is the responsibility of working parents to ensure that their funding codes are renewed each term. Please be advised that we are only notified of expired codes after submitting our headcount to the local authority. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide financial support for families with expired codes, and full fees for the placement will become the parent's responsibility.

Accessing Funded-Only Places



We understand that some families may prefer to access a fully funded place without additional charges. For those who wish to discuss this option, please bare in mind that spaces will be offered on a **term-by-term** basis days and hours can be changed a basic service will include only the minimum provision covered by government funding. Access to the additional services outlined above will not be included. A clear agreement will be required, outlining the family's responsibilities to ensure that appropriate standards of care are maintained.

Additionally, we are committed to **supporting the most disadvantaged children in our community** by allocating a number of fully funded places that include our full premium service.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your options, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you in finding the best childcare solution for your family.

Service Charges

Full Day	(7.30am- 5.30pm)	£16.00
Full day – Non funding	(7.30am - 6.00pm)	£74.00
Half Day AM/PM	(7.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-6pm)	£8.00

The Service charge is broken down into three sections –

Full Day

- *Food Charges - £6 per day*
- *Non-food service - £3 per day for example – Nappies, wipes, suncream, bedding, laundry, additional high quality resources, Calpol, etc*
- *Activities - £7 Per day – Family, parents evening, Outings, visits, chicks, graduation, football, stay & play sessions, settling in sessions, flexibility of sessions & days etc*

The £16 payment is comprehensive and covers all activities and services outlined, irrespective of the activities or provisions they engage with.

Half Day

- *Food Charges - £3 per day*
- *Non-food service - £1.50 per day for example – Nappies, wipes, suncream, bedding, laundry, additional high quality resources etc*



- *Activities - £3.50 Per day – Family, parents evening, Outings, visits, chicks, graduation, football, stay & play sessions, settling in sessions, flexibility of sessions & days etc*

The £8.00 payment is comprehensive and covers all activities and services outlined, irrespective of the activities or provisions they engage with.

We understand that our options may not suit everyone, and we will be happy to signpost you to childcare that may suit your needs better.

Key Information on Deadlines for Parents

You will be able to take up your hours from the term after you meet all the eligibility criteria for the entitlement you are applying for. These terms begin on 1 January, 1 April and 1 September.

Funding is dependent on some eligibility, such as the income of parents and the birth date of children. You can check your eligibility on the Childcare Choices Website.

You can apply for your code up to 16 weeks before your baby turns 9 months old. You need to apply online before the deadline to receive a code to give to us. The deadline is the day before the new term begins, but we encourage you to apply earlier, and recommend applying at least 6 weeks before the deadline.

<i>When you would like to use your entitlements from</i>	<i>The deadline to apply for a code</i>
<i>1 January</i>	<i>31 December</i>
<i>1 April</i>	<i>31 March</i>
<i>1 September</i>	<i>31 August</i>

Who is eligible?

Funding is dependent on some eligibility, such as the income of parents and the birth date of children. You can check your eligibility on the Childcare Choices Website.

How and when to apply?

You'll need to either log into your Government Gateway account or create a new one, this isn't a long process but you'll need a few things to get this started. Your National Insurance Number, access to your mobile phone or a landline and details of one of more of the following – your UK Passport, tax credits, P60 or a recent payslip.

There will be a section called 'Free Childcare For Working Parents' here is where your code will be shown for each child eligible. This code will need to be sent to your nursery manager to check your eligibility with the local authority.



You have to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.

And we have provided the birth dates below along with the relevant eligible terms.

<i>Your Child's Birthdate</i>	<i>When they're eligible for funding -</i>
<i>1 January – 31st March</i>	<i>From April Term</i>
<i>1 April – 31st August</i>	<i>From September Term</i>
<i>1 September – 31st December</i>	<i>From January Term</i>