



Dates for Your Diary:

2026/27 Term	Approx. Date Funding Portal Opens to Input your Children	Estimate Deadline <u>AND</u> Submission of your Actuals by	Payment by FRIDAY based on Estimate	Final Submission Date	Funding Portal reopens for late starters	Funding Portal closes for the final time this term	Last EYPP check	Final Payment received by FRIDAY
Autumn 2026	08.07.26	19.07.26	04.09.26	04.10.26 & Census	19.10.26	25.10.26	28.10.26	20.11.26
Spring 2027	10.11.26	22.11.26	08.01.27	24.01.27 & Census	08.02.27	14.02.27	17.02.27	12.03.27
Summer 2027	09.03.27	16.03.27	09.04.27	02.05.27	17.05.27 & Census	23.05.27	26.05.27	25.06.27

ESTIMATES

To receive your 1st payment for the next term you **must** submit your **estimate AND actuals** by the dates indicated.

TO AVOID ANY OVERPAYMENT

For children who are eligible for the **Early Learning For 2YOs (ELF) funding** - which was **formally known as disadvantaged 2YOs funding** – you must use the eligibility checker to check **all** 2YOs to see if they are entitled to this funding and are recorded correctly. For families who are using the working entitlements funding you must ensure that they have an eligibility code before you start them.

Extended hours funding for 3&4YOs (term after birthday) please ensure that you have a working parents eligibility code. Eligibility codes are issued by [Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

Termly Weeks:

If only eligible for 15 hours children are entitled up to 570 hours of funded early education per academic year.

If eligible for extended hours children are entitled up to 1140 hours of funded early education per academic year.

	Term Dates	Term Weeks	Max. Hrs per Term	How to make a full claim (Uni. = Universal/Ext. = Extended)
Autumn 2026	01.09.26 to 31.12.26	14 weeks @ 15 hours or 14 weeks @ 30 hours	210	If making a full claim, enter 14wks x 15hrs = 210hrs
			420	If making a full claim, enter 14wks x 15hrs Uni. & 15hrs Ext. = 420hrs
Spring 2027	01.01.27 to 31.03.27	12 weeks @ 15 hours or 12 weeks @ 30 hours	180	If making a full claim, enter 12wks x 15hrs = 180
			360	If making a full claim, enter 12wks x 15hrs Uni. & 15hrs Ext. = 360
Summer 2027	01.04.27 to 31.08.27	12 weeks @ 15 hours or 12 weeks @ 30 hours	180	If making a full claim, enter 12wks x 15hrs = 180
			360	If making a full claim, enter 12wks x 15hrs Uni. & 15hrs Ext. = 360

When Does a Child Become Eligible?

Eligibility for 9 Months old		
Month Born	Term/Month Eligible (THE FOLLOWING YEAR)	
January / February / March	January	
April / May / June	April	
July / August / September / October / November	September	
December	January	
2, 3 & 4YOs		
Autumn (born between)	Spring (born between)	Summer (born between)
1 st April and 31 st August	1 st September and 31 st December	1 st January and 31 st March

On or around the highlighted dates below the LA will do audit checks. Providers will need to check the EY Portal for any updates that arise from these checks. For e.g. if a parent has fallen out of eligibility for working family codes you will need to advise the parent to reconfirm their code.

Estimated Payment by Friday	Final Payment (week ending)	Last EYPP Check	Final Submission Date (Sunday after highlighted date)	Bank Holiday	Census Day
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AUTUMN 2026 (01.09.26 to 31.12.26)

2026	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

SPRING 2027 (01.01.27 to 31.03.27) - Good Friday 26.03.27 / Easter Monday 29.03.27

2027	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		

SUMMER 2027 (01.04.27 to 31.08.27)

2027	APRIL					MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST				
M		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
T		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
W		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
T	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
F	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Please remember to add and double check parent/carer details are correct on the EY Portal to ensure that you do not miss out on this potential funding. If details are incorrect or not added, then you will not receive EYPP funding for that child if they are eligible. This applies to 9mth old, 2 YOs and 3&4 YOs.

Working Families Funding

Make sure you check working family codes are eligible **before** the start of a term. ALL codes **MUST** have a start date **before the start of the term** they are to be used for. Please check your Portal to remind parents when they need to renew their codes.

Changing Settings

Children should only move settings in the middle of a term in **exceptional circumstances**.

1. Family moving to a new house.
2. Change in the child's primary carer.
3. Change of employment i.e., new job/unemployment.
4. Health and safety concerns i.e., Child with long term sickness/child protection.

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