Early Years Education Funding

Information and Key Dates for 2019 – 2020 Academic Year

The Funding dates are based on an Academic Calendar Year and run from 1 September – 31st August.

The universal early education entitlement for all 3 and 4-year olds is 570 hours per year.

The extended entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4-year olds is for a maximum of an additional 570 hours per year (maximum total of 1140 hours), based on qualifying criterion being met.

Eligible 2-year olds are also entitled to 570 hours early education funding per year.

The ‘standard’ offer is over 38 weeks split into Funding Periods, but Providers are able to offer a ‘stretched place’ between 39 – 52 weeks.

Both the ‘standard’ and ‘stretched’ offers fit into Funding Periods with maximum hours that can be claimed in each period. These maximum hours are different for the ‘standard’ and ‘stretched’ offers and unused hours cannot be carried forward or banked for the following Funding Period.

In Staffordshire you can either claim the ‘standard’ hours within the Funding Period or draw down the ‘stretched’ offer over 48 weeks at 12 hours a week or 24 if entitled to Extended Hours. (The 6 extra hours (or 12 if entitled to the 24 hours) will be deducted from the child’s third term).

You must have a current and signed Parental Declaration Form for all children at your setting claiming Funding.

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Note:

Dates are subject to change if technical difficulties with system that are out of control of the EEF Finance Team – changes will be communicated to Providers.

Payments due to be made during week ending the date quoted and virements to schools could be later.

Payments are dependent on Providers completing tasks accurately and on time.
AUTUMN 2019 TERM

FUNDING PERIOD:
1st September 2019 – 31st December 2019
‘Standard’ 14 weeks (210 hours)/(420 hours for extended entitlement)
‘Stretched’ 16 weeks (192 hours)/(384 hours for extended entitlement)

TASK DATES:
Autumn Forecast: 8th July 2019 – 16th August 2019
Autumn Actual: 7th October 2019 – 11th October 2019
Autumn Amendment: 16th December 2019 – 20th December 2019

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**Autumn Forecast:**
All 2, 3 and 4-year-old children booked on a funded place from 1st September 2019.

**Autumn Actual:**
Record all 2, 3 and 4-year-old children that have booked on a funded place after 16th August 2019 including children who applied for a 30 hour code prior to 31st August 2019. Add end dates for children who have left.

**Autumn Amendment:**
Any additional children that have accessed a funded place since 11th October 2019. This includes an opportunity to adjust hours up or down as appropriate and record children who have left.
**SPRING 2020 TERM**

**FUNDING PERIOD:**

1\textsuperscript{st} January 2020 – 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2020

‘Standard’ 11 weeks claim (165 Hours) / (330 hours for extended entitlement)

‘Stretched’ 12 weeks (144 Hours) / (288 hours for extended entitlement)

**TASK DATES:**

Spring Forecast: 25\textsuperscript{th} November 2019 – 29\textsuperscript{th} November 2019

Spring Actual: 13\textsuperscript{th} January 2020 – 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2020

Spring Amendment: 30\textsuperscript{th} March 2020 – 3\textsuperscript{rd} April 2020

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**Early Years CENSUS WEEK: 13\textsuperscript{th} to 17\textsuperscript{th} January 2020**

**Spring Forecast:**

All 2, 3 and 4-year-old children booked on a funded place from 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2020.

**Spring Actual:**

Record all 2, 3 and 4-year-old children that have booked on a funded place after 29\textsuperscript{th} November 2019 including children who applied for a 30 hour code prior to 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2019. Add end dates for children who have left.

**Spring Amendment:**

Any additional children that have accessed a funded place since 23\textsuperscript{rd} January 2020. This includes an opportunity to adjust hours up or down as appropriate and record children who have left.
SUMMER 2019 TERM

FUNDING PERIOD:
1st April 2020 – 31st August 2020
‘Standard’ 13 weeks claim (195 hours) / (390 Hours for the Extended Entitlement)
‘Stretched’ 20 weeks (240 hours) / (480 Hours for the Extended Entitlement)

TASK DATES:
Summer Forecast: 9th March 2020 – 13th March 2020
Summer Actual: 8th June 2020 – 12th June 2020
Summer Amendment: 7th September 2020 – 11th September 2020

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Summer Amendment Task: Payment to be made in Autumn Term 2020 – date to be shared at a later date.

Summer Forecast:
All 2, 3 and 4-year-old children booked on a funded place from 1st April 2020.

Summer Actual:
Record all 2, 3 and 4-year-old children that have booked on a funded place after 13th March 2020 including children who applied for a 30 hour code prior to 31st March 2020. Add end dates for children who have left.

Summer Amendment:
Any additional children that have accessed a funded place since 12th June 2019. This includes an opportunity to adjust hours up or down as appropriate and record children who have left.