

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2022 EARLY YEARS FUNDING PROCESS

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Dear Early Years Provider,

Please find below the funding dates and processes for the **2, 3 & 4 Year Early Years Funding Entitlements** for the **Autumn Term 2022 Headcount**. Please read **ALL** the information carefully.

Academic year 2022/2023 School Term dates:

Funded weeks	WCC school terms	2022/2023 Headcount Dates
Autumn Term – 14 weeks Spring Term – 11 weeks Summer Term - 13 weeks	05/09/2022 to 16/12/2022- 14 weeks 03/01/2023 to 31/03/2023- 12 weeks 17/04/2022 to 25/07/2023- 13.4 weeks	Autumn Term – 6th October 2022 Spring Term – 19th January 2023 Summer Term – 18 th May 2023

Children Eligible for funding in the Autumn term 2022:

- 2 year olds born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020**
- 3 & 4 year olds born between **1st September 2017 and 31st August 2019**

Note: Not all Children will be carried forward from the Summer term 2022 Headcount

The Important Term Dates and Deadlines:

- **15th August 2022 - Provider Portal opens to:**
 - **Enter ESTIMATE hours** - enter the **total number of WEEKLY hours** using the Estimates tab on the Provider Portal.
 - **Enter HEADCOUNT-** for children attending your setting in the Headcount week commencing **3rd – 7th October 2022 only**, including children who are not attending due to sickness or temporary absence e.g.on holiday.
- **9th September 2022 – Submission deadline for Estimate hours**
- **6th October 2022 – Headcount Day**
- **14th October 2022 – Submission deadline date for Headcount claim.** The provider portal closes for entering Actual hours and for sending **DAF** and **EYPP** supporting information. You **MUST** check that all details are correct before this date and make any changes or amendments
- **7th November 2022- Online Adjustment tab opens** to enter permitted changes to funding since Headcount.
- **2nd December 2022 – Online Adjustments submission deadline date**

Funding Payment Dates:

21st September 2022 – 3 & 4 year funding ***Interim*** payment based on the Estimate hours entered in the Provider Portal

23rd September 2022 – 2 year funding ***Interim*** payment based on the Estimate hours entered in the Provider Portal

16th November 2022 - 3 & 4 year funding ***Actual*** payment based on the Headcount claim entered in the Provider Portal

18th November 2022 - 2 year funding ***Actual*** payment based on the Headcount claim entered in the Provider Portal

14th December 2022 – 2, 3 & 4 year ***Adjustment*** payment based on the Online Adjustment claim entered in the Provider Portal

Funding Rates:

For the Financial Year 2022/2023 from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the hourly rates for the Early Years Entitlements are:

- 2 year funding - **£5.66 per hour**
- 3 & 4 year funding for Universal and Extended hours - **£4.30 per hour**
- Deprivation Factor (DF) – **60p per hour**
- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) – **60p per hour**
- Disability Access Fund (DAF) - **£800 paid annually**

30 Hour Code Dates for the Extended Entitlement (30 hours Funding):

If a Parent is claiming the 30 hours, Extended entitlement for their child, the 30 hour code, their name and their National Insurance details must be entered in the 30 hour code section of the Parental Declaration Form.

BEFORE offering an Extended 30 hour place:

- Confirm that that 30 hour code is valid and the **dates** are eligible for funding for the Autumn term 2022.
- Check the 30 hour code dates using the **Eligibility Checker** on the Provider Portal, preferably before the end of the previous term, 31st August 2022 and **no later than** the start of the term the funding is to be used, 5th September 2022.
- **DO NOT** wait until the Headcount submission to check if a 30 hour code is eligible for funding.

30 hour code dates accepted for the Autumn term 2022:

- 30 hour Code starting with 500 or 400 for foster carers:
 - **validity start date on or before 31st August 2022**
 - **validity end date on or after 5th September 2022**
- *Delayed codes starting with 500 issued by 14th September 2022 that have a start date by 31st August 2022 or evidence seen that the application was made before 31st August 2022.*
- Temporary codes starting with 11 **issued by 14th September 2022**

30 hours codes NOT accepted for the Autumn term 2022:

- Codes with a validity start date on or after **1st September 2022**
- New children to 30 hours funding with a code with a validity end date ending **before 5th September 2022** and in a Grace period when they start their funded place
- Codes where the **Grace period expired on 31st August 2022** with a validity start date after 1st September 2022

For the full details of the 30 hours funding entitlement refer to the Guidance and Requirements of Funding found under Guidance Documents on the website:

<https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>

For details on how to apply for a 30 hour code visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

ENTERING ESTIMATE HOURS:

The Estimate hours to enter are the total **WEEKLY** hours for all children. **Example: 10 children using 15 hours per week = 10 x 15 = 150 hours to enter.**

DO NOT enter the total Termly hours.

The Estimate hours **MUST** be added by the deadline date to the Synergy FIS Provider Portal: <https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/providers>

If the deadline date is missed, your Interim payment will not be made, the full term's funding will be made with the Actual payment.

Refer to page 12 of the **FIS Synergy Provider portal Online Guidance** for full instruction on how to enter your Estimate hours. This can be found under Guidance Documents in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>

Link: <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-505288705-104>

ENTERING THE HEADCOUNT CLAIM:

The Headcount claim is added using the Synergy FIS Provider Portal: <https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/providers>

Children should be added who are attending your setting during the Headcount week (including those on holiday and absent due to sickness) **and** have a fully completed **Parental Declaration Form**.

Refer to the **FIS Synergy Provider portal Online Guidance** for full instruction on how to enter your Headcount claim, from page 8. This can be found in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>

Link: <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-505288705-104>

EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium):

For parents who have completed the EYPP section of the Parental Declaration Form, full details must be entered on the **Parent/Carer tab and the consent to check for EYPP box ticked on the Synergy FIS Provider Portal:**

<https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/providers>

The eligibility criteria for EYPP are found on the **Parental Declaration Form**, in the Guidance and Requirements of Funding under Guidance Documents in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers> and the Warwickshire website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

DAF (Disability Access Fund):

If a child is eligible for DAF as they have been awarded **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**, the 'Yes' option for **Eligible for DAF** will need selecting on the child's Funding tab and a copy of the DLA Award letter **MUST** be sent using the **Document tab** on the Synergy FIS Provider Portal: <https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/providers>.

The DAF Adjustment will not be accepted if the DLA information is not attached. **DO NOT** select 'Yes' if the parent has not completed the DAF section of the Parental Declaration Form.

For full details of the eligibility criteria for DAF refer to the Parental Declaration Form, the Guidance and Requirements of Funding found under Guidance Documents in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers> and the Warwickshire website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

2 Year funding claims:

For full details of the 2 year funding eligibility refer to the Parental Declaration Form, the Guidance and Requirements of Funding found under Guidance Documents in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers> and the Warwickshire website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

The 2 year funding is claimed via the Synergy FIS Provider Portal: <https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/providers>.

Follow page 37 of the **FIS Synergy Provider Portal Guidance** on how to enter your claim, a copy can be found at the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>
Link: <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-505288705-104>

The Early Years Funding Office will NOT be able to approve your claim for 2 year funding until eligibility can be confirmed.

ONLINE ADJUSTMENTS PROCESS:

Adjustments to the Headcount **MUST** be claimed using the Online Adjustments tab on the Provider Portal when it opens after the Headcount period.

For Guidance on how to enter your online adjustments follow the Adjustment tab Process Guidance in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>.

link: <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-505288705-187>

The full details of Adjustments that are permitted after the Headcount, are shown in **Section 2.6** of the Guidance and Requirements of Funding, found under Guidance Documents in the

PARENTAL DECLARATION FORMS (PDF):

The appropriate **Parental Declaration Form Academic Year 2022/2023 MUST** be fully completed for every child claiming the Early Years Funded Entitlements for 2, 3 & 4 year olds, before a funding claim is made. A copy of the most up to date version is attached with the accompanying email.

The Parental Declaration Form (PDF) can be completed electronically and therefore can be emailed and downloaded by parents to complete and return to you without using a paper copy.

Full details of the terms in the Parental Declaration Form can be found in the Guidance and Requirements of Funding and copies in Annex B1 and B2, found under Guidance Documents in the Early Years Website (General pages): <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>

Checking Your Claim:

It is the Early Years Setting's responsibility to check the accuracy of their funding claim after the Headcount and before the end of each term.

You should review your claim using the Synergy Provider Portal and check that all of the children have been entered, with the correct hours and that the weightings you are expecting have been applied. Any changes must be added to the Provider Portal using the Online Adjustments process.

We will not be able to make any changes to a term's Headcount claim after that term has ended.

Your information rights:

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The Privacy Notice for our service can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecosts

If you have any queries regarding the funding process please contact the Early Years Funding Team by email at eyfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk or telephone 01926 742233 or visit our website: <https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers>

Yours sincerely

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