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Dear Early Years Provider,

2026/2027 Early Education Entitlements Funding Rates

Please find below a table which confirms the Early Education Entitlements funding rates for the financial year 2026/2027, highlighted in green.

For 2026/2027, local authorities are required to pass through at least 97% of funding for each of the following entitlement funding streams individually:

- Under 2s working parents
- 2-year-old (2 Help – Early Learning for 2-year-olds)
- 2-year-old working parents
- 3 & 4-year-old entitlements – universal and working parents

Warwickshire County Council can confirm that the retained 3% of funds are utilised to cover the provision of inclusion funding, including contributing to specialist teachers and support. Alongside this, allocations are used for safeguarding and quality support and ensuring the necessary infrastructure and systems are in place to manage relevant funding applications, process and pay all providers, childminders and schools as required and deliver the associated support.

Warwickshire County Council engaged with the Early Years Partnership Working Group on 7 January 2026 who provided their recommendation. This was reviewed by Schools Forum on 15 January 2026. Cabinet approved the rates on 27 January 2026.

WCC confirms that the funding rates for the new financial year are as follows:

Private, Voluntary, Independent settings and school run provision including maintained schools with nursery classes

Early Education Funding Rates	2025 – 2026 £ - per hour	2026 – 2027 £ - per hour
Funding Rate for Under 2's - Working Parent Entitlement hours	10.42	10.96
Funding Rate for 2-Year-Olds – Disadvantaged and Working Parent Entitlement hours	7.66	8.05
Funding rate for 3- & 4-Year-Olds - Universal and Working Parent (Extended) Entitlement hours	5.50	5.80
Early Years Pupil Premium - allocated to Universal Hours for 3- & 4-Year-Olds, under 2's and 2-Year-Olds, up to a maximum of 15 hours per week	1.00	1.15
Deprivation Factor – allocated to all hours	0.68	0.68
Disability Access Fund – annual payment for eligible children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance	938.00	975.00

Yours sincerely,

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