

# Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) 2024-25

The Department for Education (DfE) has published the funding rates for Early Education Entitlements for 2024/2025. Proposals have been discussed with, and shaped by, the early years providers consultative forum. On 18 January 2024 Suffolk County Council's Schools Forum (the decision-making body) met and agreed the proposals.

This means that from April 2024:

- The hourly rate for 2 year olds will be **£7.38** (increased from £5.74)
- The hourly rate for 3 & 4 year olds will be **£5.21** (increased from £4.60)

*Please note: Since September 2023 you have received £4.95 for 3 and 4 year olds and £7.61 for 2 year olds. This was because of a one-off additional grant allocated by the DfE. It was paid to you as an uplift on the hourly rates but did not alter the base funding rates implemented in April 2023.*

From September 2024:

- The hourly funded rate for 9 months+ will be **£10.08**

As required, a small amount will be retained from the DfE rates to provide deprivation funding and inclusion funding for eligible children. For all eligible children the deprivation rate providers will receive will be 40 pence per hour and all funded children will be able to be considered for inclusion funding where appropriate.

Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund and High Needs funding for eligible children is in addition to the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF).

- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) will be increasing to **68 pence** per hour.
- Disability Access Fund (DAF) is increasing to £910. However, we currently pay **£1,000** per annum per eligible child so there will be no change.

SCC retains less than the permitted 5%. From April 2024 we will be reducing further the percentage retained to 3%. However, there is a change as the Local Authority can now retain this from all funding streams. As we come to understand the take up rates of the extended entitlements, we will keep this under review.

## Summary of changes

Type	April 2023	April 2024	Increase
2YO	£5.74	£7.38	£1.64
3 & 4 YO	£4.60	£5.21	£0.61
EYPP	£0.62	£0.68	£0.06
Deprivation	£0.31	£0.40	£0.09
DAF	£1000	£1000	Same

September 2024	
Type	Rate
9 month+	£10.08