

## Overview of Changes from April 2024

### Guidance Notes for Registered Provider Portal Users

In April 2024 the funding entitlements changed. 15 'expanded' hours per week are available for eligible 2-year-olds from working parent families. As of September 2024, children aged 9-months+ will also be entitled to 15 'expanded' hours per week if eligible.

Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding are available for all eligible children (9 months – 4 years old).

Please see below for an overview of the changes that have come into effect, and how this looks on the Provider Portal.

#### Changes to Funded Hours columns on Headcount Task


Legal Forename	Legal Surname	Funding	Date of birth	Funding Age	Start Date	End Date	Stretched/EYPP	Weeks Attended for term	Average Hours Attended per week (funded+non-funded)	Hours Attended for term	Funded/Universal Hours Claimed per week	Funded/Universal Hours Claimed for term	Expanded/Extended Hours Claimed per week	Expanded/Extended Hours Claimed for term
		<input type="checkbox"/>						55.00	75.25	827.75	15.00	165.00	43.25	475.75

- **Funded** – Refers to the 'Funded' 15 hours per week that some 2-year-olds are entitled to if they qualify under the disadvantaged/non-economic criteria. They will have 'TYF' reference code from Suffolk County Council.
- **Universal** – Refers to the 'Universal' 15 hours per week that all 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to.
- **Expanded** – Refers to the 'Expanded' 15 hours per week that some 9-month-old – 2-year-olds are entitled to if their parent/carer(s) qualify under the working parent family criteria. They will have an 11-digit number code from Childcare Choices.
- **Extended** – Refers to the 'Extended' 15 hours per week that some 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to (giving them 30 hours per week) if their parent/carer(s) qualify under the working parent family criteria. They will have an 11-digit number code from Childcare Choices.

## Running Checks on Expanded Hours Codes

The process of checking an 'expanded' hours code is the same as checking an 'extended' hours (30-hours) code. Please see further guidance on Suffolk Learning: [Expanded/Extended Hours Checker Guidance – Suffolk Learning](#)

9-month-old – 2-year-old children who qualify under the expanded entitlement will have two symbols in their 'Funding' column on your headcount task:

	Legal Forename	Legal Surname	Funding	Date of birth	Funding Age	Start Date
	John	Smith	<b>EH</b> <b>N</b>	01/03/2022	2	01/04/2024

- **EH** – Means the child is eligible for 'expanded' hours, and you can enter these into the 'Expanded/Extended' hours columns. If this symbol does not appear, and the 'Expanded/Extended' hours columns are unavailable, then it means the code has not been checked yet/has not been linked properly, or it means the code is not valid due to the start/end date.
- **Blue N** – Means the child is not eligible for 'funded' hours, as they do not qualify for 2 Year Old Funding via the disadvantaged/non-economic criteria. The 'Funded/Universal' hours columns will not be available to be populated.

### **Applying for Disability Access Funding (DAF)**

From April 2024, eligible funded 2-year-olds can receive the DAF. From September 2024, this will apply to children aged 9-months-old.

The process of applying for the DAF is the same. Please see further guidance on Suffolk Learning: [Disability Access Fund \(DAF\) – Suffolk Learning](#)

### **Applying for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**

From April 2024, eligible funded 2-year-olds can receive EYPP. From September 2024, this will apply to children aged 9-months-old.

The process of applying for EYPP is the same:

- Adding parent/carer details to the headcount task so that economic EYPP checks can be carried out.
- Selecting non-economic EYPP criteria using the drop-down under the 'Stretched/Non-Economic' column on headcount task.

Please see further guidance on Suffolk Learning: [EYPP & Deprivation Supplement – Suffolk Learning](#)