

# Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 2025-26

The Department for Education (DfE) has published the funding rates for Early Education Entitlements for 2025/2026. Proposals have been discussed with, and shaped by, the early years providers consultative forum. On 9 January 2025 Schools forum (the decision-making body) met and agreed the proposals.

This means that from April 2025:

- The hourly rate for 3- & 4-year-olds will be **£5.40** (increased from £5.21)
- The hourly rate for 2-year-olds will be **£7.57** (increased from £7.38)
- The hourly rate for 9 months + will be **£10.32** (increased from £10.08)

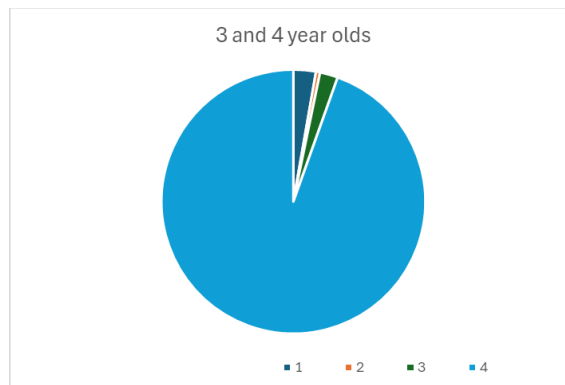
These rates will be for the entire financial year so will be applicable in September when more children will become eligible for 30 funded hours.

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 40p per hour and all funded children will be able to be considered for inclusion funding where appropriate.

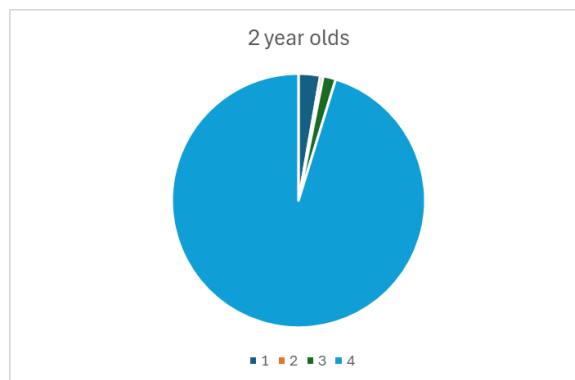
Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund and High Needs funding for eligible children is in addition to the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF).

- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) will be increasing from 68 pence to **£1.00** per hour.
- Disability Access Fund (DAF) is increasing to £938. However, we currently pay £1,000 per annum per eligible child and we will be increasing this to **£1,250**

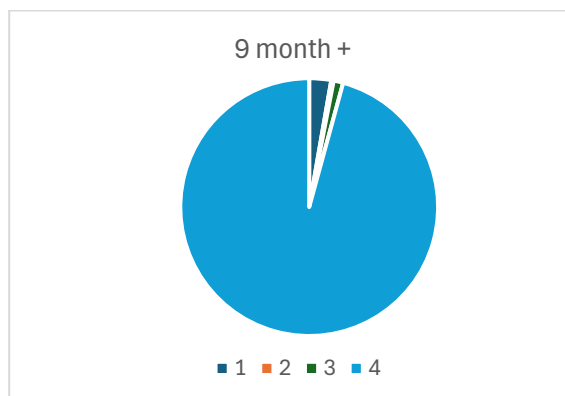
SCC retains less than the permitted 4%. From April 2025 we will be reducing further the percentage retained to **2.75%**.



3 and 4 Year olds	
Element	Percentage %
1-Centrally retained	2.75
2-Inclusion	0.5
3-Deprivation	2.2
4-houly rate	94.55



2 Year olds	
Element	Percentage %
1-Centrally retained	2.75
2-Inclusion	0.4
3-Deprivation	1.6
4-houly rate	95.25



9 month +	
Element	Percentage %
1-Centrally retained	2.75
2-Inclusion	0.3
3-Deprivation	1.2
4-houly rate	95.75