

ANNEX E – Information Sheet

FEEE rates, funding timelines, payment dates and delivery models for funded places

Annex E will be updated for each academic year or if there are any changes/updates to the information included here.

Funding rates for FEEE places (applicable for 2024/25)

FEEE delivery for	Base Rates per hour
9 to 23 month olds for working families	£10.15
2 year olds - For entitlement for children from families receiving some additional forms of government support OR from working families	£7.32
3 and 4 year olds - For universal entitlement (15 hour) and extended entitlement (30 hours) for working families	£4.83

All providers will be paid at least the base rate and may qualify for one or more of the Supplements to be added to the base rate (see below).

Each Provider will therefore have a composite funding rate for 9-23 month olds, for 2 year olds and for 3 and 4 year olds (i.e., Base Rate plus Supplements where applicable). Details of this will be communicated to providers by the FEEE funding team.

Supplements to the Base Rates

Providers may qualify for **Quality** and/or **Deprivation** related supplements.

The amounts will be determined by the Funding and Grants FEEE Team, on an annual basis, every Spring term and will apply for the following summer, autumn, and spring terms. Subsequent changes to circumstances, which affect the supplements, will only be considered, and applied from the summer term in the following year.

Criteria for the supplements	Supplement added to Base Rates per hour
For Quality supplement:	
A member of staff is qualified as Early Years Professional (EYP) or with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)*	£0.16
For Deprivation supplement:	
On average, relevant funded children at the setting are from	
the 10% most deprived areas of the city	£0.21
from between 10% and 20% most deprived areas of the city	£0.10
from between 20% and 30% most deprived areas of the city	£0.05

*Documentary evidence for the EYP/QTS staff qualification will need to be submitted annually, every spring term. The deprivation supplement will be determined by the funding team based on the spring term headcount each year.

Other funding payable

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Additional sum of money payable to childcare providers for qualifying FEEE children from families in receipt of certain benefits. The rate from April 2024 is £0.68 per hour per eligible child, for up to a maximum of 570 hours per year.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

FEEE children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will be eligible for DAF which will be paid as a lump sum payment of £910.

Parents / carers can nominate one setting only to receive this funding.

Further information on how to apply for DAF can be accessed via: [Family Information | Disability access fund \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/family-information/disability-access-fund/)

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF)

Additional financial support payable, subject to availability and conditions, for FEEE children with SEND to enable settings to undertake essential training or offer more appropriate staff to child ratios. Please speak to your area SENCo for more information

Information applicable for Academic Year 2024/25

PLEASE NOTE: the information below does not include the data submission and payment dates for any additional estimate payments for the new entitlement from April 2024 for eligible 2 year olds from working families and the new entitlement from September 2024 for eligible children aged 9-23 months old from working families. The applicable dates for these, during the phased implementation period of the new expanded entitlements, will be notified directly to providers by the FEEE funding team.

A) Timelines for submitting FEEE data 2024/25

Headcount Portal submission timeline 2024/25 academic year

Term	Portal opening date	Portal closing date (at 23:59hrs)	Notes
Autumn 2024	2 September 2024	28 October 2024	Children who start after 28 Oct 2024 CANNOT be added to the headcount.
Spring 2025	23 December 2024	10 Feb 2025	Exception, for this term only, due to DfE census submission: New children who are enrolled to start after the submission date and will start attending by Friday 28 February 2025 can be added to the headcount (which must still be submitted by the deadline date). Children who start on or after Monday 3 March 2025 cannot be added to the Spring 2025 headcount.
Summer 2025	28 April 2025	23 May 2025	Children who start after 23 May 2025 CANNOT be added to the headcount.

Other submissions timeline 2024/25 academic year

Activity	Submission Deadline
Actual Census Day (Estimated - 3rd Thursday of the Month)	16 January 2025
Census data to be submitted. This is a mandatory requirement for all FEEE providers	31 January 2025 23:59hrs
Evidence for Early Years Professional (EYP) or Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). Which must be submitted to qualify for the additional quality related supplement as from the Summer Term 2025	14 February 2025 23:59hrs

Timeline 2024/25 for Childminders to submit information for Estimate payment claim

Term	Information can be submitted from the following date onwards	Deadline for submission
Autumn 2024	8 July 2024	12 August 2024 23:59hrs
Spring 2025	4 November 2024	9 December 2024 23:59hrs
Summer 2025	24 February 2025	24 March 2025 23:59hrs

B) Payment schedule for 2024/25

Term	Estimate payment (W/C)	Adjustment Payment and EYPP Payment (W/C)
Autumn 2024	2 September 2024	9 December 2024
Spring 2025	6 January 2025	7 April 2025
Summer 2025	28 April 2025	7 July 2025

C) Delivery models for FEEE places (maximum funded weeks and hours per term)

The Council supports three models that Providers can choose to use to deliver their FEEE places.

Standard 38 week per year 'term time' model 2024/25

15 or 30 hours (dependent on eligibility of the child) per week for 38 weeks per year. This equates to a maximum of 570 hours (15-hour entitlement) or 1140 hours (30-hour entitlement)

Term	Maximum weeks AY 2024/25	Maximum hours 15-hour entitlement	Maximum hours 30-hour entitlement
Autumn 2024	15	225	450
Spring 2025	13	195	390
Summer 2025	10	150	300
Total	38	570	1140

For Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers and Childminders the exact term-time funded dates for the academic year 2024/25 are as follows:

Term	Part Term	Term Time Funded Dates	Rounded weeks for funding purposes
Autumn 2024	i	Monday 2 September to Friday 18 October 2024	15
	ii	Monday 28 October to Friday 20 December 2025 Please note: the week of 26 to 30 August 2024 is NOT a funded week for the 'term-time' model	
Spring 2025	iii	Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February 2025	13
	iv	Monday 24 February to Friday 11 April 2025	
Summer 2025	v	Monday 28 April to Friday 23 May 2025 (Except Bank Holiday Mon 05/05/2025)	10
	vi	Monday 2 June to Friday 11 July 2025	

Please note:

- Weeks for the whole Academic Year 2024/25 are 38 weeks.
- As per the dates above, PVI providers and Childminders will **NOT** be funded for the first week of the school term in the academic year 2024/25 i.e. week beginning Monday 26 to Friday 30 August 2024.
- This is because the Local Authority can only fund providers for a maximum of 38 weeks in an academic year.
- The numbers of weeks for funding purposes are rounded up and there is no requirement for providers to offer alternative sessions for Bank Holidays. However, providers can choose to, and are encouraged to, offer alternative sessions where possible to make-up for the hours.
- PVI providers and Childminders should inform all parents of the funded dates for 2024/25 and highlight that the week beginning Monday 26 to Friday 30 August 2024 will not be a funded week for children who are expected to be funded on a term time basis in the Autumn Term 2024.
- PVI providers and Childminders who are open term-time only, and mainly deliver funded places, will have to take this into account when planning the working weeks/hours for staff members or childminder assistants and inform them of this.

Stretched offer models 2024/25

Providers can choose to offer either the 51 week or the 48 week stretched offer models.

(i) 51 week per year 'stretched offer' model

190 or 380 hours per term (dependent on eligibility of the child) with 3 equal terms of 17 weeks each.

Term	Weeks (51 week 'stretched offer' model)	Total hours per term '15-hour entitlement	Total hours per term '30-hour entitlement
Autumn 2024	17	190	380
Spring 2025	17	190	380
Summer 2025	17	190	380
Total	51	570	1140

(ii) **48 week per year ‘stretched offer’ model**

190 or 380 hours per term (dependent on eligibility of the child) with 3 equal terms of 16 weeks each.

Term	Weeks (48 week ‘stretched offer’ model)	Total hours per term ‘15-hour entitlement’	Total hours per term ‘30-hour entitlement’
Autumn 2024	16	190	380
Spring 2025	16	190	380
Summer 2025	16	190	380
Total	48	570	1140

Please note:

Providers can choose to offer the term-time model only, or one of the stretched offer models only, or they can offer both the term-time model and one of the stretched offer models.

A child can access a term time model or stretched offer model at more than one Provider. This is known as a ‘blended offer’ between the providers. However, both Providers must offer the same model for the child i.e., the term time model or the same stretched offer model (i.e., either the 51 week or the 48 week model).