



Dear Early Years Provider,

Nursery Education Funding Rates 2024/25

Following the Early Years Funding Consultation that took place in the Autumn Term and the publication of the Local Authority early years [funding allocations](#) in December, we are now in a position to confirm the NEF Rates from April 2024. The Early Years Funding Formula has been discussed at a meeting of the [Worcestershire School Forum](#) in January 2024 and formally approved by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education as a decision delegated by WCC Cabinet.

The Early Years Supplementary Grant, which has been paid during Autumn 2023 and Spring 2024 comes to an end on 31st March 2024.

Hourly Rates 2024/25

The agreed hourly rates from April 2024 are:

Funding Age Group	Hourly Rate
3&4 Year Olds	£5.09
Two Year Olds	£7.05
Under Two's*	£9.59

**Please note that the rate for Under Two's will apply from September 2024, when the age-range is extended to include children from the term after they turn 9 months.*

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

The hourly allocation for EYPP is increasing to **£0.68** per hour. EYPP will be available for eligible children within all funded age groups, for a maximum of 15 funded hours per week. For 3&4-year-olds, EYPP will be automatically applied to the Universal hours.

Deprivation Supplement

All funded children who meet the deprivation threshold, which is based on their home postcode, will receive the appropriate Deprivation Supplement for all their funded hours:

IDACI Band (using child's home postcode)	Hourly Supplement
A	£1.00
B	£0.70
C	£0.40
D	£0.10

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

The annual supplement for children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is increasing to **£910 per year**. DAF will be available for all funded age groups. To claim DAF, a copy of the child's DLA letter and a signed Parent Declaration Form need to be uploaded to the Early Years Funding Team via the Children's Services Portal (CSP).

Inclusion Supplement

The Inclusion Supplement rates remain the same and will be extended to include all funded age-groups, based on their level of need. The appropriate Supplement will be applied to all funded hours accessed.

GR Level	Age-Group	Hourly Supplement
GR2	3&4 Year Olds only	£0.90
GR3	All funded children	£1.60
GR4	All funded children	£2.86
Exceptional	All funded children, approval required	£6.30

If you need any further information, please email EYFunding@worcestershire.gov.uk or NEF@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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