

## Stretched funding delivery guidance

All 3 and 4-year-old children are entitled to receive up to 570 hours of early years entitlement funding over the year (15 hours per week multiplied by 38 term time weeks). Some 3 and 4-year-old children are eligible for an additional 570 hours per year (11-digit code issued by HMRC), totalling 1140 hours per year (30 hours per week multiplied by 38 term time weeks).

Children eligible for either the two-year-old assessment-based funding (6-digit code issued by the local authority), or the working parents entitlement funding (11-digit code issued by HMRC) are entitled to receive up to 570 funded hours during the academic year.

The yearly funding entitlement is calculated from September, the beginning of the academic year.

Providers will claim for the early years' entitlement funding via the portal on a monthly basis, however, providers can choose the funding delivery model that will be offered to parents.

The provider portal will only allow a maximum of 15 hours funding (30 hours for eligible 3 and 4-year-old children) to be claimed per week term time (38 weeks). This is the maximum value allowed for individual children and must take account of all settings claiming funding for the child.

Therefore, it is important that parents/carers include details on the FE1 form, of funding claimed at other settings the child attends.

Important: overclaiming will result in funded hours not being available for the child later in the year.

Providers can offer parents either a term time or stretched model (to include holidays) of delivery for funded sessions. The funding calendar outlines the number of weeks and hours available throughout the year for funded children.

Where providers deliver a stretched model, children will receive less than 15 funded hours a week over more than 38 weeks of the year, as this model will include the holiday periods.

Please note all funding from September 2024 will be claimed via the provider portal as TERM TIME ONLY, but can be delivered as a stretched model by the provider.

## Calculating the delivery of stretched funded hours

Firstly, providers will decide how many weeks they will offer funded sessions over throughout the year.

Providers must refer to the child's FE1 form and the funding calendar to calculate the child's yearly funding allowance, or remaining funding allowance if the child became eligible for funding part-way through the academic year.

The child's funding allowance is divided by the number of weeks the funding is to be stretched over.

The same calculation will be used for both weekly funded (universal) and extended entitlements.

For example: a provider offering funded sessions for 50 weeks per year, may divide a child's yearly weekly funded (universal) funding allowance of 570 hours by 50 weeks = a total of 11.40 stretched funded hours to be delivered per week (11 hours 24 minutes).

Please use the following table for guidance around the maximum number of funded hours to be delivered when stretching funded hours:

Number of weeks to stretch funding over	Number of funded hours claimed via the provider portal per week for 38 weeks	Maximum number of funded hours to be delivered per week as a decimal	This equates to...
52 weeks	15	10.96	10 hours 58 minutes
51 weeks	15	11.17	11 hours 10 minutes
50 weeks	15	11.40	11 hours 24 minutes
49 weeks	15	11.63	11 hours 38 minutes
48 weeks	15	11.87	11 hours 52 minutes
47 weeks	15	12.12	12 hours 7 minutes
46 weeks	15	12.39	12 hours 23 minutes
45 weeks	15	12.67	12 hours 40 minutes
44 weeks	15	12.95	12 hours 57 minutes
43 weeks	15	13.26	13 hours 15 minutes
42 weeks	15	13.57	13 hours 34 minutes
41 weeks	15	13.90	13 hours 54 minutes
40 weeks	15	14.25	14 hours 15 minutes
39 weeks	15	14.62	14 hours 37 minutes

*\*The totals are the same for both universal and extended entitlements.*

See Annex A, for a 'Time to decimal converter' table for delivering stretched funding.

### **Stretching funding for less than the maximum entitlement**

If a child is using less than their 15 hour entitlement (570 hours) on a stretched basis, the following calculation should be carried out (this applies to both weekly funded (universal) and extended entitlement).

Number of actual term time funded hours claimed per week, multiplied by 38 term time weeks, divided by the number of stretched weeks being delivered over the year = maximum number of funded hours to be delivered per week as a decimal.

For example: a child claiming 10 term time funded hours, multiplied by 38 term time weeks = 380 hours, divided by 40 stretched weeks over the year = a total of 9.5 funded hours to be delivered per week (9 hours 30 minutes).

### **Children who become eligible part way through the year**

Children who become eligible part way through the year will be entitled to funding based on the number of weeks and hours remaining in the academic year.

So, a child who became eligible for funding in the spring term is entitled to the remaining hours for spring and summer, divided by the number of weeks the provider is open for that period.

A child starting in the summer term, will only be entitled to the summer funded hours divided by the number of weeks the setting is open in that funding period.

For example: the 2023-2024 funding calendar indicates the total hours available: 150 hours in spring term + 195 hours in summer term = 345 hours in total.

The provider is delivering funded sessions over 33 weeks during the spring and summer funding period.

345 hours divided by 33 weeks = a maximum of 10.45 funded hours (10 hours 27 minutes) to be delivered per week. \*The same calculation will be used for both weekly funded (universal) and extended entitlements.

### **Children attending for only one day per week**

Children attending one day per week can access a maximum of 10 funded hours per week, which can be stretched over the number of available weeks in each funding period.

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For example: where a provider stretches funded sessions over 50 weeks; a child attending 10-hours for one day per week, could access 500-hours over the academic year at this setting.

**Any queries about calculating the delivery of stretched funding, that are not covered in this guidance, should be emailed to the Early Years Finance Team for tailored advice.**

## **Need more support?**

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Then please contact the Early Years Finance Team, who will be happy to help:

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**Please include your Ofsted registration number, setting name, and contact details.**

## Annex A: Time to decimal converter

To calculate monetary values, the provider portal does not recognise claims submitted in a time format. Therefore, all claims must be inputted in decimal format.

See below a time to decimal converter for claiming stretched funding. For example, a child claiming 10.75 hours stretched funding would be funded 10 hours and 45 minutes per week.

Minutes	Decimal Hours	Minutes	Decimal Hours	Minutes	Decimal Hours
1	.02	21	.35	41	.68
2	.03	22	.37	42	.70
3	.05	23	.38	43	.72
4	.07	24	.40	44	.73
5	.08	25	.42	45	.75
6	.10	26	.43	46	.77
7	.12	27	.45	47	.78
8	.13	28	.47	48	.80
9	.15	29	.48	49	.82
10	.17	30	.50	50	.83
11	.18	31	.52	51	.85
12	.20	32	.53	52	.87
13	.22	33	.55	53	.88
14	.23	34	.57	54	.90
15	.25	35	.58	55	.92
16	.27	36	.60	56	.93
17	.28	37	.62	57	.95
18	.30	38	.63	58	.97
19	.32	39	.65	59	.98
20	.33	40	.67	60	1