



# Funding Consultation

## Dear Providers

Thank you to those that took part in our recent funding rate consultation; we received a response from 325 providers. 86.2% selected option 1 as their preference; this was the preferred option for the majority of providers across all provider types (childminders, Governor and non-Governor led settings, nurseries and playgroups) .

We can now confirm funding rates for April 2025 to end March 2026, as set out below.

| <b><u>3&amp; 4 year olds</u></b> | <b>Current</b> |               | <b>2025/26</b> |               |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                  | £              | %             | £              | %             |
| Basic rate                       | 5.09           | 93.05         | 5.33           | 93.34         |
| Deprivation                      | 0.12           | 2.19          | 0.13           | 2.28          |
|                                  | 5.21           | 95.25         | 5.46           | 95.62         |
| Inclusion Funding                | 0.04           | 0.73          | 0.04           | 0.70          |
| Central Services                 | 0.22           | 4.02          | 0.21           | 3.68          |
| <b>Total Funding Rate</b>        | <b>5.47</b>    | <b>100.00</b> | <b>5.71</b>    | <b>100.00</b> |

| <b><u>2 year olds</u></b> | <b>Current</b> |               | <b>2025/26</b> |               |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|                           | £              | %             | £              | %             |
| Basic rate                | 7.14           | 93.95         | 7.47           | 94.08         |
| Deprivation               | 0.12           | 1.58          | 0.13           | 1.64          |
|                           | 7.26           | 95.53         | 7.60           | 95.72         |
| Inclusion Funding         | 0.04           | 0.53          | 0.04           | 0.50          |
| Central Services          | 0.30           | 3.94          | 0.30           | 3.78          |
| <b>Total Funding Rate</b> | <b>7.60</b>    | <b>100.00</b> | <b>7.94</b>    | <b>100.00</b> |

| <b><u>9 to 24 months</u></b> | <b>Current</b> |   | <b>2025/26</b> |   |
|------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|---|
|                              | £              | % | £              | % |

|                    |       |        |       |        |
|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Basic rate         | 9.76  | 94.48  | 10.18 | 94.70  |
| Deprivation        | 0.12  | 1.16   | 0.13  | 1.21   |
|                    | 9.88  | 95.64  | 10.31 | 95.91  |
| Inclusion Funding  | 0.04  | 0.39   | 0.04  | 0.37   |
| Central Services   | 0.41  | 3.97   | 0.40  | 3.72   |
| Total Funding Rate | 10.33 | 100.00 | 10.75 | 100.00 |
|                    |       |        |       |        |

As you are aware, we moved to a monthly payment process last year, we plan to review the process in May 2025 and will contact you at this point for your feedback.

If you have any queries, please contact the [Funding Team](#).



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