



Services for Young Children

Blog article

As part of the Headcount claim process, we have developed a range of data checks which help to identify issues and potential over-claims and some of you will have received phone calls or emails from the SfYC administration team to clarify any queries arising.

During this process, it has come to our attention that some of you may have forgotten that the period for claim is 1 January to 31 March only. In the week commencing 31 March, the only children that should be claimed for in this spring period are those who attend on Monday 31. The period from Tuesday 1 April is part of the summer funding period claim.

For clarification, the Early Years Funding period does not match to school terms as it is aligned to the child's eligible birthday year as shown below:

Date of birth range	Funding starts
1 January – 31 March	1 April
1 April – 31 August	1 September
1 September – 31 December	1 January

So that there is a minimal delay in making payments, we have agreed, on an exceptional basis, to pay the hours that have been claimed up to the end of the school term.

For each child where this has happened, by including these extra hours for the spring funding period, it will reduce the balance that will be available in the remaining funding periods within a child's 570 hour eligible year. Please can you make sure that parents are aware that these hours have been used from their balance of 570 hours and manage the use of their remaining hours with them in the next funding period(s).

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