

Early Education Funding & Childcare Sufficiency 2026-27

Submission deadlines, Payment Dates and Funded Weeks

The school term week numbers are show along the top of each month. H stands for school holiday

	APRIL 26					MAY 26					JUNE 26					JULY 26				
Week no.	H	H	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	H	7	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	H	H
M		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
F	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
S	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
S	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
																5	12	19	26	

	AUGUST 26					SEPTEMBER 26					OCTOBER 26					NOVEMBER 26					
Week no.	H	H	H	H	H	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	H	9	10	11	12	13	
M		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
T		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
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S	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

	DECEMBER 26					JANUARY 27					FEBRUARY 27					MARCH 27						
Week no.	13	14	15	H	H	H	1	2	3	4	5	6	H	7	8	9	10	11	H			
M		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	
T		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30
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Estimate claim deadline	Estimate (interim) payments
Estimate update deadline	Final (actual) payment
Actual claim deadline	Headcount day Termly Census)
Kirklees Agreement renewal deadline	Sufficiency Data Submission Deadline
New child (after headcount) claim deadline	

APRIL 27					MAY 27					JUNE 27					JULY 27							
Week no.	H	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	H	H	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14	H	H		
M		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
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Financial Year 2026/27					Academic Year 2026/27				
Terms	Term Dates	Term Time Weeks	Funded Weeks	Stretch Weeks	Terms	Term Dates	Term Time Weeks	Funded Weeks	Stretch weeks
Summer 26	13 April – 20 July	13	13	20	Autumn 26	1 Sept – 18 Dec	14.8	14	18
Autumn 26	1 Sept – 18 Dec	14.8	14	18	Spring 27	4 Jan – 25 March	10.8	11	14
Spring 27	4 Jan – 25 March	10.8	11	14	Summer 27	12 April – 21 July	13.4	13	20 TBC
Total		38.6	38	52	Total		39	38	52

Calendar key, deadline and dates

Colour	Deadline	Date/s
Orange	Estimate claim deadline	10/08/2026, 14/12/2026, 19/03/2027
Brown	Estimate update deadline (for significant changes)	27/04/2026, 21/09/2026, 18/01/2027
Red	Actual claim deadline	22/05/2026, 05/10/2026, 25/01/2027
Magenta	Kirklees Agreement renewal deadline	28/08/2026
Yellow	New Child (after headcount) claim deadline	03/07/2026, 04/12/2026, 12/03/2027
Green	Estimate (interim) payments – Summer 40% / 40%, Autumn 25% / 25% / 25% Spring 33% / 33%	13/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 01/09/2026, 02/10/2026, 02/11/2026 04/01/2027, 04/02/2027
Cyan	Final (actual) payment	26/06/2026, 02/12/2026, 04/03/2027
Purple	Headcount day and Termly Census	21/05/2026, 01/10/2026, 21/01/2027
Blue	Sufficiency Data Submission Deadline	28/04/2026, 15/09/2026, 19/01/2027
Grey	School holidays	

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Notes on the requirement to provide 38 weeks:

1. Eligible children commonly access their entitlement by taking 15 or 30 hours each week for 38 weeks of the year.
2. The academic year (September to July) is 39 weeks or 195 days. Five days are INSET (In Service Training) days; therefore, the actual number of term-time funded weeks is 38 weeks or 190 days.
3. In the financial year (April to March) the number of term-time weeks can be more or less than 38 dependent on when Easter falls therefore **the Council measures 38 weeks over an academic year.**
4. The Council funds a set pattern of 13 weeks for the summer term, 14 weeks for the autumn term and 11 weeks for spring term regardless of the actual number of term-time weeks.
5. Providers have flexibility to set the dates in which they offer funded places therefore they do not have to be the same as the Kirklees School term-time dates.
6. A provider's chosen 'funded period' (dates for funded children) must be notified to parents in advance of the start of the funded period/term. If parents choose to access hours on a date outside the 'funded period' which results in the child exceeding their free entitlement, then a charge can be made.
7. If less than 38 weeks are provided, providers should claim the exact number of weeks provided.
8. **In summary, as long as a provider's funded period covers 38 weeks / 190 days over an academic year the requirements will be met.**