

Early Years Entitlement Funding – Weekend/Bank Holiday Funding

From Spring 2017 we will be allowing the Early Years Entitlement to be accessed over the weekends and bank holidays within the existing DfE Framework (minimum 2.5 hours, maximum 10 hours, between 7am and 7pm).

With parents working weekends and shifts we hope this will enable parents to access funded hours at times that suit them best.

As a provider trying to accommodate children or more hours (30 hours for some children from September 2017) by allowing funded hours over the weekend will enable settings to look at extending their EY offer if they have sufficient demand.

Weekend funding at this stage is optional. You may be a provider that is already open 7 days a week, and do not wish to offer funded time at the weekend preferring to continue to charge for that service. That is fine.

Bank Holiday Funding is available for those settings that are open but for those that are closed the hours normally attended/claimed that week can be offered elsewhere or fees reduced to allow for funding being allocated on what would be a normally chargeable day.

If you want to extend your hours to weekends or start claiming funding for weekends, please update your information for parents and communicate with them direct to establish whether they are interested and what you can now offer.

If you choose to offer weekend funding it must be available for every family.

The weekly funding will run from Sunday to Saturday.

Your normal agreement with your parents will be in place for how many hours are booked per week and how many hours are funded. For shift workers you may need to explain where the funded time is being claimed and given free of charge and what hours are being charged for.

Funded hours will be claimed in the normal way on the Headcount Form.

You should update your listing on Pinpoint to reflect any changes.

Our records will need to be updated so that we know whether you will be offering the weekends as funded time. Please advise the Helpdesk at eyef@devon.gov.uk so that your Provider Agreement and our database can be updated.