

FEEE Calendar Autumn 2026 – Summer 2027

	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
DFE Funding Period	1 September – 31 December 2026	1 January – 31 March 2027	1 April – 31 August 2027
Working Parent Code Start Date	31 August 2026	31 December 2026	31 March 2027
Funded Weeks (Term Time)	Up to 15 weeks 31 August – 18 December 2026 (Excluding half-term 19 – 23 October 2026 and Christmas & New Years 21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027)	Up to 10 weeks 4 January – 19 March 2026 (Excluding half-term 15 – 19 February 2027 and Easter Fortnight 22 March – 2 April 2027)	Up to 13 weeks 5 April – 9 July 2026 (Excluding half-term 31 May – 4 June 2027, Summer Holidays 12 July – 20 August 2027 and unfunded week 23 – 27 August 2027)
Funded Weeks (Stretched)	Up to 18 weeks 31 August 2026 – 1 January 2027 (Including half-term 19 – 23 October 2026 and Christmas & New Years Fortnight 21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027)	Up to 13 weeks 4 January – 2 April 2026 (Including half-term 15 – 19 February 2027 and Easter Fortnight 22 March – 2 April 2027)	Up to 20 weeks 5 April – 20 August 2026 (Including half-term 31 May – 4 June 2027 and Summer Holidays 12 July – 20 August 2027. Excluding unfunded week 23 – 27 August 2027)
Max Funded Hours (Term Time)	225 hours funded/universal 225 hours extended* 450 hours expanded*	150 hours funded/universal 150 hours extended* 300 hours expanded*	195 hours funded/universal 195 hours extended* 390 hours expanded*
Max Funded Hours (Stretched) Stretched/Banked hours claimed over the termly allocation must be available as unclaimed from previous terms	225 hours funded/universal 225 hours extended* 450 hours expanded*	195 hours funded/universal 195 hours extended* 390 hours expanded*	300 hours funded/universal 300 hours extended* 600 hours expanded*
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Estimate Window	29 June – 31 July 2026	30 November – 6 December 2026	23 February – 7 March 2027
Estimates monthly Percentage	25% per payment	35% per payment	20% per payment
Estimates Payment Dates	28 August 2026 2 October 2026** 6 November 2026**	4 January 2027 5 February 2027**	2 April 2027 7 May 2027** 4 June 2027** 2 July 2027**
Actuals Headcount Window**	24 August – 6 September 2026	4 – 10 January 2027	5 – 11 April 2027
Additional Actuals Window for Census	28 September – 2 October 2026	18 – 22 January 2027	17 – 21 May 2027
Actuals Balancing Payment Date	4 December 2026	5 March 2027	6 August 2027
Adjustment Window***	9 November – 31 December 2026	8 – 31 March 2027	21 June – 20 August 2027
Dates Adjustment relates to	5 October – 31 December 2026	25 January – 2 April 2027	24 May – 20 August 2027
Adjustment Payment Dates	Adjustments will be processed ad-hoc and will be paid alongside the next scheduled payment		

We advise you to process your headcount tasks as early as possible to avoid any technical difficulties you may have.

Please note any children who are missed off or whose increased hours have been missed off either of the Actuals headcounts, will not be backdated.

HMRC Working Parent Entitlement Helpline and web address: 0300 123 4097 or www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

2YR Helpline for Families who are in receipt of additional support and email address: 0116 305 6208 or childcare@leics.gov.uk

FEEE Helpline and email address: 0116 305 5788 or feee@leics.gov.uk

*Maximum hours are based on eligibility for the funding period. In the case of 2-year-olds eligible for both funded and expanded hours, providers must claim using both allocations up to the maximum of the expanded allocation (15 hours per funding stream per weeks max)

**Estimate hours submitted will be checked against the children submitted in the first Actuals window for the Funding Period, if no children are submitted no further estimates will be paid, if hours submitted would result in a negative against base rate at the actuals balancing payment further estimate payments may be either reduced or no further estimates paid

*** System collected Adjustments now replace the manual Late Adjustments form and cannot be backdated to the beginning of the funding period