

## Annex D

### Early Years Funding Timetable

The provider is required by legislation to complete accurately the termly census and submit their census returns to the local authority. Census day is determined by the DfE, for 2026-2027 these dates are:

Term	Date
Summer term	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
Autumn term	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026
Spring term	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2027

### Termly headcount and payment dates

Headcount submission & Payment point dates	Payment Date	Payment Type	Provider Task
<b>Estimate Headcount &amp; Payment Point 1</b>	<b>Spring:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	85% of funded entitlement.	Submit and estimate of the total number of weekly hours for each age group of children accessing funded entitlement. No child details are added at this stage.
	<b>Summer:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		
	<b>Autumn:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> September		
<b>Actual Headcount &amp; Payment Point 2</b>	<b>Spring:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Remaining 15% of funded entitlement.	Submit full child information of all children accessing funding and the hours you wish to claim for each child for each age group.
	<b>Summer:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	100% DAF & EYPP claims	
	<b>Autumn:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		
<b>Adjustment Headcount &amp; Payment Point 3</b>	<b>Spring:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Adjustments payment / clawbacks of any children joining or leaving after the 'Actual' Headcount	Submit full child information of funded children placed on roll after the 'Actual' Headcount. Submit leaving dates for any funded children who left after the 'Actual' Headcount.
	<b>Summer:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> August		
	<b>Autumn:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> December		

**For those who opt in for monthly payments from September 2026 they will receive a payment on 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month of the term.**