

SENIF Closing/Panel Dates

Date	Applications close date	SENIF Panel Date
October 26	9/10/26	21/10/26
November 26	6/11/26	18/11/26
December 26	4/12/26	16/12/26
January 27	15/1/27	27/1/27
February 27	12/2/27	24/2/27
March 27	12/3/27	24/4/27
April 27	9/4/27	21/4/27
May 27	21/5/27	2/6/27
June 27	18/6/27	30/6/27

Autumn 26 – Summer 27

Headcount dates :

SENIF payments will be paid at the same time providing the child is registered and the headcount data has been completed for funded hours claims,

SENIF is paid from the date of the SENIF panel awarded and for the remaining number of weeks in that term. This is reviewed and paid termly.

Renewals each term are reviewed at the panel and all payment requests are submitted to childcare sufficiency 3 weeks before the actual headcount date and adjustment headcount date to allow childcare sufficiency the time to process all payments.

Once an EHC is finalised the SENIF payment ceases on the date of the final , and future payment is provided via the EHC provision and costings with the send finance team. Settings will need to speak to the EHC case officer and SEND finance to arrange EHC payments.

Payment is ter time funded hours only - 38 weeks or 570 hours – even though term time is 39 weeks (allowing for inset days and training days)

Additional funding information : For information only

Funding type	Amount
Under 2's	£13.93 per hour
2-year-olds	£10.16 per hour
Uplift for Early Learning 2-year-olds -	£0.77 per hour
3&4-year-olds	£7.03 per hour
Deprivation, first 15 hours only	£1.30 per hour
EYPP, first 15 hours only	£1.15 per hour
DAF	£975 per year
HNB band 2 -	£7.38 per hour
HNB band 3	£9.66 per hour

SEN notional inclusion funding	See Notional funding
Little link funding -	£1000 one off PVI £100 per cm

Term dates 2026-27**Autumn term 2026**

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 2 September 2026- Friday 23 October 2026 – **7 weeks (full weeks paid only)**

Half term – Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October 2026

Autumn 2 - Monday 2nd November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026 -**7weeks (full weeks paid only)**

End of term break – Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Spring 1- Monday 4th January 2027- Friday 12th February 2027 -**6 weeks paid**

Half term – Monday 15th February 2027- Friday 19th February 2027

Spring 2- Monday 22nd February 2027- Thursday 25th March 2027-**5 weeks paid**

Easter break – Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer term 2027 –

Summer 1 -Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027 -**7 weeks paid**

Half term- Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027

Summer term 2 – Monday 7th June 2027 – Thursday 22nd July 2027 -**6 weeks paid**