

Expanded Childcare Offer (ECO) – Update July 2023

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Update on Additional EY Funding September 2023-March 2024

The DfE have recently circulated information on the FEEE hourly rates they will be using for each LA to calculate the additional EY funding to be paid in full to Early Years provider from September 2023 to March 2024. Details of this can be [here](#).

At this stage it needs to be noted that no actual allocation amount has been released by the DfE, so we cannot confirm allocations for September 23 to March 2024 and the 2, 3 and 4 YO hourly rates, once these have been released then the hourly rates /payments to you all can be worked on.

The Councils two, three and four year old indicative hourly rates have been increased as follows by the DfE:

	DfE hourly rate Apr23 to Aug23	DfE hourly rate Sep23 to Mar24	Increase
2 Year Old FEEE hourly rate	£5.68	£7.53	£1.85 (32.57%)
3 and 4 Year Old universal and extended FEEE hourly rate	£5.13	£5.45	32 pence (6.23%)

This funding will come as a separate grant to the Council and will be distributed outside of the funding received for the current EY funding formula with the Council having to evidence that 100% of this has been paid over to EY providers with no ability to retain any of this additional grant funding.

The funding received will be a separate grant paid to the Local Authority paid additional to the usual Early Years Dedicated funding. The Council are proposing to calculate and pay this based on actual universal and extended hours for autumn term 2023 and spring 2024 as a separate payment as soon as possible after the actuals have been received / same time as the 30% balancing payments.

The Autumn 2023 70% estimate payments will be paid using the current FEEE hourly rates of:

2 YO FEEE	3 and 4 YO FEEE
£5.68ph	£4.70ph

From September, the following funding rates will apply for EYPP and DAF:

EYPP	DAF
66p per hour	£853

The Council will keep you updated on the payment of this additional grant as soon as we receive more information / funding allocations from the DfE.

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2023

Derby City Council aims to review childcare sufficiency annually and publishes the associated Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) reports so that parents and providers can clearly understand Derby's childcare market and the actions that the Council are undertaking to map supply, assess demand and identify any gaps.

The [0 to 5-year-old CSA 2023](#) focuses on the availability of childcare for pre-school children and [Out of School CSA 2022](#) assessments considers before, after and holiday childcare for school aged children.

As you start your planning for the expanded childcare offer (ECO) please look at the supply information within the CSA of 0 – 5 provision to support this.

ECO poster

Here is the [ECO poster](#) for you to share with families.

Derby Expanded Entitlement Provider Group (DEEP)

Your opportunity to shape what happens in Derby with the ECO.

We are committed to working in coproduction with all providers. One of the key drivers for this will be the DEEP group. Members will represent the sector, their local area and meet to discuss key issues related to the implementation of the ECO.

One of the main commitments to the DEEP is that representatives will seek to share information with other providers, gather their thoughts and feelings to ensure genuine partnership working. As senior leaders you will have opportunity to share your expert knowledge, through overseeing, advising and making recommendations to the Council on the delivery of the ECO. This will include consideration of the Early Years Funding Formula.

[Want to find out more about how you can shape the future?](#)

We are hosting two 1 hour online briefing sessions so that you can find out more about the DEEP. These will take place on

Thursday 14 September 6:30pm – 7:30pm and or

Wednesday 20 September 9:30am – 10:30am

If you would like the Teams link sending over, please email earlyyearsfunding@derby.gov.uk

If you have any questions or queries you would like to raise with us, please send them to earlyyearsfunding@derby.gov.uk