



Nottinghamshire Early Childhood Services

The Free Entitlement Funding, 38 weeks funded

Timetable of funded weeks for the financial year 2026-2027 (including Spring 2026)

Fin Year 2026-7 Timetable follows a whole weeks pattern, but there are some unfunded days in summer term shown pink - see guidance notes below about how the funded hours can be delivered. For settings offering a stretched offer over more than 38 weeks, you can decide how to deliver the 570 or 1140 hours over the year, but you will be paid on the basis of the termly weeks listed below.

Autumn Term 2026 - 3 & 4 yr DOB range 01/09/2021 - 31/08/2023; 2 yr DOB range 01/09/2023 - 31/08/2024																		Per term		
Under 2's DOB range - 01/09/2024 - 30/11/2025																		No. funded weeks (38 total)	Max hours funded (15)	Max hours funded (30)
1st day of term is Tuesday 1st September, so the 14 weeks are 01/09/2026-18/12/2026 not including half term holiday in October.																				
Any combination of 14 weeks (70 days) is acceptable including allowing hours to be taken in school holidays																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
September					October					November					December					
M	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
14																				
15 hrs x 14 weeks = 210 hours																				
30 hrs x 14 weeks = 420 hours																				
Spring Term 2027 - 3 & 4 yr DOB range 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2023; 2 yr DOB range 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024																		Per term		
Under 2's DOB range - 01/01/2025 - 31/03/2026																		No. funded weeks (38 total)	Max hours funded (15)	Max hours funded (30)
1st day of term is Monday 4th January so the 11 weeks are 04/01/2027 - 25/03/2027 not including half term holiday in February																				
Any combination of 11 weeks (55 days) is acceptable including allowing hours to be taken in school holidays																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
January					February					March					April					
M	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
T	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
W	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
T	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
F	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
S	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
S	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
11																				
15 hrs x 11 weeks = 165 hours																				
30 hrs x 11 weeks = 330 hours																				
Weeks																				
13																				
570																				
1140																				

1 School Holiday 2 Public Holiday 3 Administration Day 4 unfunded days

Further flexibility of the funding affords some local deviation from this timetable, e.g. stretched offer where funding can be used outside of term times.

NCC will pay a standard number of hours in each term so flexible approaches re start and finish dates are acceptable to enable children to access their funded hours.

Settings can decide their own pattern of funded weeks using this document as a guide which should be communicated to parents, so they know about any unfunded days.

Note: for term time only settings, there are unfunded weeks in summer 2026 & 2027 (rather than in spring)

X N.B. THESE DAYS/WEEKS ARE NOT FUNDED - see guidance notes shaded yellow above each term

If any children on your headcount are leaving to start in a school nursery or reception class at the beginning of a new term particularly under staggered start arrangements in autumn, PVI providers may not claim any funding in the same term as all the funded hours will be allocated to school.

If a parent wishes to use any childcare in a PVI setting before starting school or school nursery, then they can expect to pay the PVI setting rather than use funded hours.

In addition to funded weeks columns, please see max funded hours per term columns.

Each term we will pay out the funding to all providers on the basis of the maximum calculated hours per term (green and blue boxes above), unless you tell us your setting is open for fewer weeks than the standard weeks in the funded weeks timetable.

PVI Task and Payment Timetable 2026-27
(please note these are subject to change - any new release of this calendar may override these payment dates)

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Spring
	2026	2026	2026	2027
Start date of term for funding purposes	05/01/2026	13/04/2026	01/09/2026	04/01/2027
Last date of term for funding purposes	27/03/2026	20/07/2026	18/12/2026	25/03/2027
No. weeks in term	11	13	14	11
1st Actual task opens	01/12/2025	16/03/2026	06/07/2026	01/12/2026
1st Actual task closes	14/12/2025	28/03/2026	02/08/2026	13/12/2026
2nd Actual task opens	05/01/2026	13/04/2026	01/09/2026	04/01/2027
Payment 1 received by providers	35% 05/01/2026	20% 10/04/2026	25% 01/09/2026	33% 04/01/2027
2nd Actual Task closes	18/01/2026	10/05/2026	20/09/2026	24/01/2027
Payment 2 received by providers	35% 02/02/2026	20% 05/05/2026	25% 05/10/2026	33% 01/02/2027
Payment 3 received by providers	30% 02/03/2026	20% 01/06/2026	25% 02/11/2026	34% 01/03/2027
Amendment task opens	23/02/2026	01/06/2026	02/11/2026	22/02/2027
Amendment task closes	02/03/2026	14/06/2026	15/11/2026	03/03/2027
Payment 4 received by providers	n/a	20% 06/07/2026	25% 07/12/2026	n/a
Payment 5 received by providers	n/a	20% 03/08/2026	n/a	n/a
Amendment payment received by providers		28/08/2026	17/12/2026	25/03/2027

If you miss a task submission date, you miss a payment and you will have to wait until the next time we process a batch of payments.

The dates of the summer and autumn tasks may be subject to change to accommodate the new census dates from DFE.

It is likely that the dates published here will still stand but there may also be additional task windows to allow providers to add new children who arrive by the census weeks

Payments will not be made at any other times than those detailed above.

If you take an extra child between payments, the payment will be made during the next available payment run.

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