

## REVISED PROCESS FOR EARLY YEARS INCLUSION FUNDING (from September 2019)

The main change to the funding process is that settings will be required to complete a written application rather than present at panel. The written applications will be considered by a panel held once every half term.

Before sending in an application the setting Senco must:

1. Ensure the child has been referred to the local authority
2. Attend a Senco network meeting to discuss the child

Senco network meetings will give practitioners a chance to meet each other and the local authority advisor, to discuss children as a group, share good practice, and to use the Intervention Guidance as a tool to establish whether the child is likely to meet the criteria for funding. The practitioner will be supported to take notes to help them put forward a written application. Attendance at this meeting is obligatory before making a written application.

The panel will be made up of representatives from providers (on a rota basis), LA advisor, possibly a school Senco and possibly a member of the SEND team.

The tariff bands are designed to correlate with the Universal, Targeted and Specialist Bands used in the new document 'Intervention Guidance for SEND Early Years'.

### Current tariff bands

No band - Standard Inclusive Practice	Universal	No additional funding
<b>Band 1a</b> - Standard Inclusive Practice with individual support plan <b>Band 1b</b> - Standard Inclusive Practice with individual support plan and involvement from external agencies	Emerging and low level needs	No additional funding – needs met through universal quality practice PLUS Children Causing Concern meetings, EYIA setting support, on-line resources and signposting (paid for through EY block funding)

<b>Band 2 - Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS additional intensive support outlined in individual support plan or vigilance for up to 50% of the time</b>	Emerging and low level needs Application for funding showing clear costs for the support required	Tariff A – currently up to £426 per term
<b>Band 3 - Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS additional intensive support or vigilance for up to 75% of the time</b>	Targeted Referral and application for funding  Application for funding showing clear costs for the support required	Tariff B – currently up to £630 per term
<b>Band 4- Significant impairment, severe high level medical need, severe social communication disorder or severe challenging behaviour. Requires additional intensive support for the majority of the time</b>	Specialist High level Need – application for funding OR EHCP agreed/issued following assessment by the Local Authority Some flexibility to allow for immediate funding where needed Application for funding showing clear costs for the support required	Tariff C – currently up to £1045 per term  + DAF - for three and four year olds in receipt of DLA £615 per year

## Other Criteria

### Age:

Most two year olds would not be eligible for L1-3 funding as they are already within high adult ratio groups. Eligibility would start at third birthday (or when they move to a 1-8 ratio)

By application only, on a case by case basis. Two year olds would be eligible for L4 funding if they meet the criteria and have severe/complex needs.

### Children eligible for 30 hours funding:

This will only be relevant for L3 and 4 funding.

Tariffs will be agreed, if appropriate, for 15 hours per week basic level, with the possibility of up to 15 additional hours if needed. This additionality would need to be fully costed in the application.

### 3. Monitoring

This will continue on a termly basis through LA advisor funding monitoring visits. Impact will be measured using IEP targets achieved and progress measured using the Early Support developmental Journal.

### 4. Dates for Senco Network Meetings and Funding Panels - Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020

	Senco network meeting	Cut off for applications	Panel Meeting
Autumn 2019	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 1-3pm Bromyard Room	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 1-3pm Mordiford Room
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm Kington Room	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm Peterstow Room
Spring 2020	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 1-3pm Sutton Room	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 1-3pm Peterstow Room
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 1-3pm Sutton Room	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm Peterstow Room

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