

REVISED PROCESS FOR EARLY YEARS INCLUSION FUNDING (from September 2020)

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 that they have followed the graduated response in Herefordshire.**
- 2. Ensure the child has been referred to the local authority**

The panel will be made up of representatives from providers (on a rota basis), Early Years SEND Manager, LA advisor and 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
Band 1a - Standard Inclusive Practice with individual support plan Band 1b - 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)

Band 2 - Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS additional intensive support outlined in individual support plan or vigilance for up to 50% of the time	Emerging and low level needs Application for funding showing clear costs for the support required	Tariff A – currently up to £426 per term
Band 3 - Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS additional intensive support or vigilance for up to 75% of the time	Targeted Referral and application for funding Application for funding showing clear costs for the support required	Tariff B – currently up to £630 per term
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	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 practitioners completing the Early Years Inclusion Funding Monitoring Document. Impact will be measured using IEP targets achieved and progress measured using the Early Support developmental Journal.