

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025 - 2026

Funded Early Learning Headcount and Payment Schedule

April 2025 – August 2026

Summer Funding Period 2025

Summer 2025	Forecasting (Optional)	Actual Headcount (Mandatory)	Amendment (If Required)
Portal Opening / Closing	17 Mar - 21 Mar (5 working days)	1 May - 15 May (10 working days)	16 Jun - 20 Jun (5 working days)
Payments Released	25 Apr 2025	27 Jun 2025	18 Jul 2025

Autumn Funding Period 2025

Autumn 2025	Forecasting (Optional)	Actual Headcount (Mandatory)	Amendment (If Required)
Portal Opening / Closing	11 Jul - 17 Jul (5 working days)	08 Sept – 26 Sept (15 working days)	4 Nov - 10 Nov (5 working days)
Payments Released	22 Aug 2025	14 Nov 2025	12 Dec 2025

Spring Funding Period 2026

Spring 2026	Forecasting (Optional)	Actual Headcount (Mandatory)	Amendment (If required)
Portal Opening / Closing	24 Nov – 28 Nov (5 working days)	5 Jan - 16 Jan (10 working days)	23 Feb – 27 Feb (5 working days)
Payments Released	16 Jan 2026	4 Mar 2026	27 Mar 2026

Summer Funding Period 2026

Summer 2026	Forecasting (Optional)	Actual Headcount (Mandatory)	Amendment (If required)
Portal Opening / Closing	16 Mar - 20 Mar (5 working days)	30 Apr - 14 May (10 working days)	15 Jun - 19 Jun (5 working days)
Payments Released	24 Apr 2026	26 Jun 2026	17 Jul 2026

We will fulfil the timetable above wherever possible but there may be some instances where unforeseen delays may occur.