



Early Years Inclusion Fund (EYIF) Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) What are the criteria for funding from EYIF?
See here for EYIF criteria - [Early Years Inclusion Funding | Bradford Schools Online](#) (Bradford Schools Online)
- 2) If a child receives 80% funding from EYIF, does nursery have to provide 1:1 support for 80% of the time the child attends?
Funding from EYIF must be used to provide enhanced staffing/support to a child (not necessarily 1:1 support) e.g. a staff member should provide enhanced support to this child for 80% of the time this child attends (and this support could be with other children with SEN)
- 3) Can funding from EYIF be used for anything other than staffing (e.g. resources/transport)
No, funding from EYIF must be used for staffing only.
- 4) If a child receives 50% funding, what does this mean in terms of support?
The child should receive enhanced support for half (50%) of the time they are attending the setting (early education hours only)
- 5) Will the setting have to evidence what they use the funding from EYIF for?
The Local Authority will not require physical evidence; however it is advisable that the setting keeps up-to-date records, e.g. the child's attendance, IEPs, MSPs etc. for if they are subject to an audit. Professionals involved (e.g. Access & Inclusion Officer) may enquire about funding from EYIF and ask how you are providing enhanced staffing for children in receipt of funding.
- 6) Is funding from EYIF for early education hours only?
Yes, early education hours only (not for paid childcare)
- 7) If the child attends all year round (AYR) do I need to do anything differently?
The setting must confirm on the EYIF application form how many hours per week (early education) the child attends, e.g. if the child attends 30 hours per

week, this usually works out around 22 hours per week, therefore the setting should confirm 22 hours AYR.

- 8) Can anyone other than the setting apply for funding from EYIF?
Yes, a professional involved can apply, e.g. Early Years Specialist Teacher/Portage Home Visitor.
- 9) Does the EYIF request form need to be signed by the child's parents?
Yes, it must be signed by the child's parent(s) Please note we will not accept an electronic signature.
- 10) If the child is a Child in Care (CiC) who should sign the EYIF request form?
Whoever has parental responsibility must sign the EYIF request form, e.g. Social Worker/Special Guardian.
- 11) If a child has complex health care needs should there be a Health Care Plan?
Yes, the EYIF Panel will expect to receive a copy of the Health Care Plan from the setting attached with the application.
- 12) Does the Provision Map need to be fully completed?
Yes, as much as possible - the Panel needs to be made aware of what interventions will be put in place/for how long and how often, so that a suitable percentage of funding can be agreed.
- 13) What additional evidence should the setting send along with the EYIF request form?
Any document that is pertinent to the application, e.g. health reports/professional reports, risk assessment (if applicable), Health Care Plan (if applicable) or IEPs/MSP.
- 14) Does the EYIF request form need to be signed by the setting?
Yes, the Provider Declaration (section 10 of the application) must be signed by the setting. If someone other than the setting completes the EYIF application, they should arrange for the setting to sign the Provider Declaration.
- 15) Why is the EYIF request form so lengthy?
It is important that the EYIF Panel can read and understand as much information re. each child, as possible. This is so they can make a fair judgement on how much support/funding each child requires.
- 16) How long will funding from EYIF usually run for?
Funding from EYIF is usually agreed for 1, 2 or 3 terms, however the setting should note how long it is agreed when they receive the initial outcome via email.
- 17) What does a setting do when they need to re-apply for funding from EYIF?
Complete the EYIF application form (and tick continuation on the first page) We would recommend the setting uses the copy of the initial EYIF application form and updates it.

- 18) What if a child receiving funding from EYIF leaves?
It is the responsibility of the setting to let the EY Project Officer know if a child receiving funding from EYIF leaves the setting. If it is part way through a half term the setting will be given a grace period of funding until the end of that half term, so they will not have to re-pay the full amount of funding.
- 19) What if a child receiving funding from EYIF receives a final EHCP?
It is the responsibility of the setting to let the EY Project Officer know when they receive a copy of the child's final EHCP. An EYIF reclaim will then be calculated by the EY Project Officer, from the date of the final EHCP to the EYIF funding end date. The setting will be informed of how much the EYIF reclaim will be and an invoice will then be sent to the setting.
- 20) When will I receive the EYIF outcome and how?
The setting will receive the EYIF outcome via email usually within 2 weeks following the EYIF Panel.
- 21) What is early education eligibility?
It is a statutory requirement that funding from EYIF can only be agreed for children on a funded early education nursery place. Therefore, once funding has been agreed, each child will go through a statutory process of an eligibility check, to make sure they are on a funded early education nursery place. This takes place after panel; therefore, we will not confirm any EYIF amounts/payment date until this has taken place and we have received confirmation that the child is eligible for funding from EYIF. Therefore, a setting should not ask for the amount the funding will equate to once they receive the EYIF outcome via email. The amount of funding and the payment date will be sent to the setting after checks have been made, via the EYIF Outcome Summary Sheet (sent by email)
- 22) What happens after I receive an EYIF outcome (after EYIF panel)?
See above and - depending on what time of year it is, the setting could be paid the month after the panel, or up to 3 months after. Particularly if it is the start of a new term, the funding may not be paid the month after (due to the eligibility check)
- 23) Why is the hourly rate £6.32?
The hourly rate was agreed by the Schools Forum and is the equivalent of SEN Delegated Funding, which schools receive for children with SEND (£6,000) per year.
See here for further details - [Early Years Inclusion Funding | Bradford Schools Online](#)