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To: All Early Years Providers

Subject: Submission of Estimates for Early Education Funding – Financial Year 2026–27

Dear Provider,

In accordance with the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF), the local authority is required to provide settings funded to deliver early learning and childcare for Under 2, 2 year old, and 3- and 4-year-olds with an annual budget at the start of the financial year.

To enable this, you are required to submit your estimate requests via the e-Hub for the following terms:

- **Summer Term 2026**
- **Autumn Term 2026**
- **Spring Term 2027**

All estimates must be submitted by **Friday, 6th February 2026**.

When entering estimates on the e-Hub, please complete the field titled “Estimate number of funded hours per week for the term” for the relevant term. For detailed instructions, please refer to the guidance notes ‘Submitting Estimates via the e-Hub’ available on the FISH website.

The attached Early Education Funding Calendar for the 2026–27 financial year outlines the maximum number of weeks that can be claimed per term. A 2026–27 academic year calendar covering the full 38 funded weeks is also included for reference.

Deadlines for Amending Estimates Prior to Payment

- **Summer Term 2026:** Friday, 6th February 2026
- **Autumn Term 2026:** Friday, 17th July 2026
- **Spring Term 2027:** Friday, 13th November 2026

You will be notified via the FISH Mailout when the e-Hub is open for submission of revised estimates.

Important Notice

Failure to meet the above deadlines will result in **no initial monthly payment for that term**. This may also impact subsequent monthly estimate payments. For example:

- If no Summer Term estimate is submitted, no payment will be made until the adjustment payment at the start of August.
- If an Autumn Term estimate is received in September, it will not be included until the estimate payment at the start of November.

Executive Director of Corporate Resources

Eligibility

To claim Under 2 and 2-Year-Old funding, children must meet specific criteria. Please refer to the Provider Agreement – Additional Terms and Conditions for Under 2 and Two-Year-Olds, available on the FISH website, for further details.

Budget Summary

Following submission of your estimates, we will provide an Initial Annual Budget Summary for 2026–27 (based on estimated hours) by the end of March 2026. The e-Hub will also be pre-populated with the estimated hours you have submitted. For a full annual budget summary, estimated hours will need to be submitted for all three terms.

Accuracy of Estimates

In previous years, some providers projected an increase in participation between the Summer and Autumn terms for 3 and 4 year old funding. Our analysis indicates participation typically decreases during this period, likely due to children transitioning to mainstream education. Accurate estimates are essential to minimise financial adjustments and potential cash flow impacts following submission of actual headcount data.

Payment Schedule

Payments will continue to be made monthly as follows:

- **3- and 4-Year-Old Funding:** First Monday of the month
 - **2-Year-Old Funding:** First Wednesday of the month
 - **9-Month+ Funding:** First Friday of the month
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Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring timely and accurate submissions. Should you have any questions, please contact the FISH team.

Yours sincerely

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