

Early Education Funding & Childcare Sufficiency 2025-26

Submission Deadlines and Payment Dates

Estimate claim deadlines

Monday 11th August 2025 for Autumn term

Monday 8th December 2025 for Spring term

Monday 23rd March 2026 for Summer term

Estimate update deadlines (for significant changes)

Tuesday 6th May 2025 for Summer term

Monday 15th September 2025 for Autumn term

Monday 19th January 2026 for Spring term

2, 3 & 4 year old actual claim deadlines

Tuesday 20th May 2025 for Summer term

Monday 7th October 2025 for Autumn term

Tuesday 20th January 2026 for Spring term

Kirklees Agreement renewal deadline

Tuesday 1st April 2025

New child (after headcount) claim deadline

Friday 4th July 2025 for Summer term

Friday 5th December 2025 for Autumn term

Friday 13th March 2026 for Spring term

Estimate (interim) payments – 40% / 40%

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 for Summer term

Monday 19th May 2025 for Summer term

Monday 1st September 2025 for Autumn term

Monday 6th October 2025 for Autumn term

Monday 5th January 2026 for Spring term

Monday 2 February 2026 for Spring term

Final (actual) payment – 20%

Monday 30th June 2025 for Summer term

Monday 24th November 2025 for Autumn term

Monday 9th March 2026 for Spring term

Headcount day (& Spring Term Census)

Thursday 15th May 2025 for Summer term

Thursday 2nd October 2025 for Autumn term

Thursday 15th January 2026 for Spring term

Sufficiency Data Submission Deadline

Wednesday 7th May 2025 for Summer term

Tuesday 16th September 2025 for Autumn term

Wednesday 21st January 2026 for Spring term