

Stretched Delivery Guidance

This document provides step-by-step instructions on how to calculate the delivery of stretched funded hours.

A child's funded entitlement is calculated over an academic year (September – July). A child eligible for 15 hours per week over 38 term time weeks receives 570 hours in total over the academic year, and a 30-hour child receives 1140 hours.

Note: the total number of funded hours reduce for children who become eligible from the start of the Spring or Summer terms will be on a pro-rotta basis* (please refer to the funding calendar for the number of weekly funded hours available during the Spring and Summer terms).

All funding claims should be submitted on the portal as **term time hours**. Providers can meet the needs of families by delivering the funded hours as a stretched option over the period the provision is open.

The provider portal will only allow a maximum of 15 funded hours (30 hours for eligible children) to be claimed per week term time (38 weeks). This is the maximum value allowed for individual children and must take account of all settings claiming funding for the child

Therefore, it is important that parents/carers include details on the Parent/Carer Declaration form, of funding claimed at other settings the child attends.

Where providers deliver a stretched model, children will receive less than the maximum weekly term time amount, as this model will include the holiday periods.

Where an eligible child is using their full entitlement on a stretched basis:

- The provider would claim up to 15 hours per week or 30 hours per week for eligible children every term time week via the provider portal.
- The hours can then be **stretched** over of period of up to 52 weeks.
- Hours stretched should be monitored by the provider.
- A calculation will need to be carried out to translate between what a provider claims via the provider portal on a term time basis and what they deliver on a stretched basis.

Please refer to the following table for guidance around the maximum number of funded hours to be delivered when stretching funded hours:

Number of weeks to stretch funding over	Number of funded hours claimed via the provider portal per week for 38 weeks	Maximum number of funded hours to be delivered per week as a decimal	This equates to...
52 weeks	15	10.96	10 hours 58 minutes
51 weeks	15	11.17	11 hours 10 minutes
50 weeks	15	11.40	11 hours 24 minutes
49 weeks	15	11.63	11 hours 38 minutes
48 weeks	15	11.87	11 hours 52 minutes
47 weeks	15	12.12	12 hours 7 minutes
46 weeks	15	12.39	12 hours 23 minutes
45 weeks	15	12.67	12 hours 40 minutes
44 weeks	15	12.95	12 hours 57 minutes
43 weeks	15	13.26	13 hours 15 minutes
42 weeks	15	13.57	13 hours 34 minutes
41 weeks	15	13.90	13 hours 54 minutes
40 weeks	15	14.25	14 hours 15 minutes
39 weeks	15	14.62	14 hours 37 minutes

For a child eligible for 30 hours the amount claimed and the maximum number of funded hours to be delivered per week will be doubled.

Number of weeks to stretch funding over	Number of funded hours claimed via the provider portal per week for 38 weeks	Maximum number of funded hours to be delivered per week as a decimal	This equates to...
52 weeks	30	21.92	21 hours 55 minutes
51 weeks	30	22.34	22 hours 20 minutes
50 weeks	30	22.80	22 hours 48 minutes
49 weeks	30	23.26	23 hours 15 minutes
48 weeks	30	23.74	23 hours 4 minutes
47 weeks	30	24.24	24 hours 14 minutes
46 weeks	30	24.78	24 hours 46 minutes
45 weeks	30	25.34	25 hours 20 minutes
44 weeks	30	25.90	25 hours 54 minutes
43 weeks	30	26.52	26 hours 31 minutes
42 weeks	30	27.14	27 hours 08 minutes
41 weeks	30	27.80	27 hours 48 minutes
40 weeks	30	28.50	28 hours 30 minutes
39 weeks	30	29.24	29 hours 14 minutes

See Annex A, for a 'Time to decimal converter' table for delivering stretched funding.

Please see examples below on how to calculate the delivery of stretched funded hours.

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Examples for children starting funding in SEPTEMBER (Autumn term)

Child A – with valid 30-hour code, using their full entitlement from September

Calculation for a setting open for **51 weeks** of the year for a child starting in September:

Provider claims **30 hours** per week via the provider portal for 38 term time weeks = 1140 hours claimed and available to stretch over the year (September – August).

1140 hours claimed ÷ **51** weeks the setting is open = **22.35** funded hours to be **delivered** to the child per week over the 51 weeks.

Child B – only entitled to 15 hours per week from September

Calculation for a setting open for **51 weeks** of the year for a child starting in September:

Provider claims **15 hours** per week via the provider portal for 38 term time weeks = 570 hours claimed and available to stretch over the year (September to August).

570 hours claimed ÷ **51** weeks the setting is open = **11.17** funded hours to be **delivered** to the child per week over the 51 weeks.

Child C – with valid 30-hour code, using their full entitlement from September

Calculation for a setting open for **48 weeks** of the year for a child starting in September:

Provider claims **30 hours** per week via the provider portal for 38 term time weeks = 1140 hours claimed and available to stretch over the year (September to August).

1140 hours claimed ÷ **48** weeks the setting is open = **23.75** funded hours to be **delivered** to the child per week over the 48 weeks.

Child D – using 10 hours per week, including holiday weeks, from September

Calculation for a setting open for **51 weeks** of the year for a child starting in September:

Child is **attending for 10 hours** per week for 51 weeks. 51 weeks x 10 hours = **510** hours to be claimed via the provider portal over 38 term time weeks.

510 hours needed ÷ 38 term time weeks = **13.42** hours to be submitted via the provider portal.

Child E - using 6 hours per week with one provider, they wish to use the remaining 9 hours with a second provider, including holiday weeks, from September.

Calculation for a setting open for **48 weeks** of the year for a child starting in September:

Child is using 6 hours per week, term time only, with the first provider. 6 hours x 38 weeks = 228 hours of their 570 yearly allocation.

As the child is entitled to a total of 15 hours per term time week, this leaves **9 hours** per term time week available for the second provider to stretch over 48 weeks.

9 hours x 38 term time weeks = 342 hours available. 342 hours ÷ 48 weeks = 7.12 hours available to stretch over 48 weeks.

The second provider will claim **9 hours** per term time weeks via the provider portal and then stretch **7.12** hours over 48 weeks.

Examples of children starting funding in the middle of the academic year

Children who commence a funded place mid-way through the academic year will be entitled to funding based on the number of weeks and hours remaining in the academic year.

You can see the number of weeks in any given period or term on the PVI Funding Calendar.

Note: the example calculations below are based on the Funding Calendar for 2025/2026. The number of weeks to claim over and to stretch over in each term will change between different academic years. Please refer to the most recent Funding Calendar on [SchoolsNet](#).

Spring Starter

- If a child starts from the week commencing 05 January 2026, the funding calendar shows there are 24 term time weeks remaining until the end of August 2026.
- If you include all the holidays weeks and the unfunded week from 05 January 2026 until the end of August 2026, there are 34 weeks remaining.

Summer Starter

- If a child starts from the week commencing 13 April 2026, the funding calendar shows there are 13 term time weeks remaining until the end of August.
- If you include all the holidays weeks from 13 April 2026 (inclusive of the unfunded week) until the end of August 2025, there are 20 weeks remaining.

Where a child starts in the middle of a term, there will be less weeks available. Please refer to the most recent Funding Calendar.

Examples of children starting in JANUARY (spring term)

Child A – with valid 30 hour code, using their full entitlement from January

Provider claims **30 hours** per week via the provider portal for the remainder of the academic year (January to July, 24 weeks term time weeks for the academic year 2025/2026).

24 term time weeks x 30 hours = 720 hours claimed and available to stretch over the remainder of the year (January to August, 34 weeks including holidays for the year 2025/2026).

720 hours claimed ÷ 34 weeks = **21.17** funded hours to be **delivered** to the child per week from January to August.

Child B – with a valid 30 hour code wanting to attend 18 hours with a provider every week, including holidays, starting January

34 weeks to deliver the funding over x **18 hours** attended per week = 612 hours needed

612 hours ÷ 24 term time weeks = **25.50** funded hours to be claimed via the provider portal for each term time week.

This would be entered on to the provider portal as 15 weekly funded hours and 10.5 extended hours.

If the child was only eligible for 15 hours and not for the full 30 hours, the provider would claim the 15 funded hours and then invoice the parent for the additional 10.5 hours every term time week.

Child C – wanting to attend 10 hours with a provider every week, including holidays, starting January

34 weeks to deliver the funding over x **10 hours attended** per week = 340 hours needed.

340 hours ÷ 24 term time weeks = **14.16** funded hours to be claimed via the provider portal for each term time week.

Examples of children starting in APRIL (summer term)

Child A – with valid 30 hour code, using their full entitlement from April

Provider claims **30 hours** per week via the provider portal for the remainder of the academic year (April to July, 13 weeks term time weeks for the academic year 2025/2026).

13 term time weeks x 30 hours = 390 hours claimed and available to stretch over the reminder of the year (April to August, 20 weeks including holidays for the year 2025/2026).

390 hours claimed ÷ 20 weeks = **19.5** funded hours to be **delivered** to the child per week from April to August.

Child B – with a valid 30 hour code wanting to attend 18 hours with a provider every week, including holidays, starting April

20 weeks to deliver the funding over x **18 hours attended** per week = 360 hours needed.

360 hours ÷ 13 term time weeks = **27.69** funded hours to be claimed via the provider portal for each term time week.

This would be entered on to the provider portal as 15 weekly funded hours and 12.69 extended hours.

If the child was only eligible for 15 hours and not for the full 30 hours, the provider would claim the 15 funded hours and then invoice the parent for the additional 12.69 hours.

Child C – wanting to attend 10 hours with a provider every week, including holidays, starting April

20 weeks to deliver the funding over x **10 hours attended** per week = 200 hours needed.

200 hours ÷ 13 term time weeks = **15.38** funded hours to be claimed via the provider portal for each term time week.

This would be entered on to the provider portal as 15 weekly funded hours and 0.38 extended hours.

If the child was only eligible for 15 hours and not for the full 30 hours, the provider would claim the 15 funded hours and then invoice the parent for the additional 0.38 hours.

Examples of children attending EXACTLY one day per week, including holidays

Please be aware that the DfE's Statutory Guidance dictates that a child can take a maximum of 10 funded hours per day. This maximum applies to both term time weeks and holiday weeks (when a provider is applying the funding on a stretched basis).

Child A - attends one 10-hour day per week for 51 weeks

51 weeks x 10 hours = 510 hours to be claimed via the provider portal over 38 term time weeks.

510 hours needed ÷ 38 term time weeks = **13.42** hours to be submitted via the provider portal.

Child B - attends one 10-hour day per week for 48 weeks

48 weeks x 10 hours = 480 hours to be claimed via the provider portal over 38 term time weeks.

480 hours needed ÷ 38 term time weeks = **12.63** hours to be submitted via the provider portal.

Child C - attends one 8-hour day per week for 51 weeks

51 weeks x 8 hours = 408 hours to be claimed via the provider portal over 38 term time weeks.

408 hours needed ÷ 38 term time weeks = **10.73** hours to be submitted via the provider portal.

IMPORTANT: When a child attends one day per week during term time and school holidays; providers will need to potentially tick the box "**Attends Two Days or More**" even though the child is only attending one day.

This will allow providers to claim sufficient hours throughout the academic year to apply a maximum of 10 hours per day, for one day per week, including holidays. Leaving this box unticked restricts the hours a provider can claim to 10 hours per day only on a term time basis.

While it seems counter-intuitive to tick this box where a child only attends one day per week, the statutory daily maximum of 10 funded hours per day is still being abided by, which is the purpose of this box.

In summary, if the amount that you have calculated to input on to the portal exceeds 10 hours per week, and the child is only attending one day per week on a stretched basis, you will need to tick the "**Attends Two Days or More**" box.

Please note - Providers should make parents/carers aware that changing from stretched funding to term time funding, part way through the academic year could impact on the number of hours they are able to receive.

Children starting with a provider during the August summer holidays

As the early years entitlement funding can only be claimed on a term time basis, it is not possible to process a claim in August for a child starting at a setting during the summer holidays.

If you have a query from a new parent wanting to access any remaining funding to cover the summer holidays, please contact the funding team to discuss via the emails addresses in the box below.

Where a child has available hours, these will need to be claimed between April – July and the funding team will advise the best way to do this. Due to time restrictions for claiming, an early enquiry is recommended.

Need more support?

Can't find what you need in our guidance materials?

Then please contact the Early Years Finance Team who will be happy to help:

CS.enquiries.childminders@derbyshire.gov.uk

CS.enquiries.groupcare@derbyshire.gov.uk

Please include your Ofsted registration number, name, and contact details.

Annex A: Time to decimal converter

To calculate monetary values, the provider portal does not recognise claims submitted in a time format. Therefore, all claims must be inputted in decimal format.

See below a time to decimal converter for claiming stretched funding. For example, a child claiming 10.75 hours stretched funding would be funded 10 hours and 45 minutes per week.

Minutes	Decimal Hours	Minutes	Decimal Hours	Minutes	Decimal Hours
1	.02	21	.35	41	.68
2	.03	22	.37	42	.70
3	.05	23	.38	43	.72
4	.07	24	.40	44	.73
5	.08	25	.42	45	.75
6	.10	26	.43	46	.77
7	.12	27	.45	47	.78
8	.13	28	.47	48	.80
9	.15	29	.48	49	.82
10	.17	30	.50	50	.83
11	.18	31	.52	51	.85
12	.20	32	.53	52	.87
13	.22	33	.55	53	.88
14	.23	34	.57	54	.90
15	.25	35	.58	55	.92
16	.27	36	.60	56	.93
17	.28	37	.62	57	.95
18	.30	38	.63	58	.97
19	.32	39	.65	59	.98
20	.33	40	.67	60	1