

Stretched Funding Guidance for Providers

The 'Stretched Offer' involves childcare providers calculating how many funded hours the parent is entitled to across the year (term time) and spreading these hours evenly across a greater number of weeks. This would mean that the parent would be able to access some of their funded hours during school holidays.

When offering stretched funding it is important that you follow the below instructions when submitting actuals:

- 1) Ensure that the child is ticked as a stretched funding child
- 2) Enter the correct term start and end dates for your setting on the actuals funding details tab
- 3) Ensure the number of weeks shows as the correct number for that term (taking into account any weeks you may be closed during the term) on the actuals funding details tab
- 4) Ensure the hours per week are imputed correctly on the actuals funding details tab

There are two different ways of stretching the funded hours:

Model One – The Academic Year:

- 1) Stretched funding hours calculated over the academic year (1st September to 31st August) using the below calculation:

Total number of hours for academic year / Number of weeks hours will be open over academic year = Total number of hours per week

For example – Child A receives 30hrs a week = 1,140hrs per academic year. Setting will only close for 1 week at Christmas so is open 51 weeks a year.

1,140 hours / 51 weeks = **22.35hrs a week.**

These are the weekly hours that must be entered every term.

It is important to enter the correct number of weeks attended per term, in the above example the weeks would be;

Autumn term – 17 weeks (one week closed for Christmas)

Spring term – 12 weeks
Summer term – 22 weeks

2) Please note the following:

- This model can only be used for children that are going to be attending your setting for the full academic year starting 1st September.
- If a child were to start your setting mid term in any term then the child will not be able to stretch in that term at all and model two would need to be followed for the remainder of the terms in the academic year.
- The hours available for the Autumn term would be the hours left in the normal funded term from the child's start date.

Model Two – Termly:

1) Stretched funding hours are worked out on a term by term basis. Each term will follow the calculation below:

Total number of hours for term / Number of weeks setting open in term =
Total number of hours per week

For example – in the Autumn term a child claiming 210hrs for 17 weeks would have the following calculation:

210hrs in term / 17 weeks in term = 12.35hrs a week

However, if the setting closes for one week at Christmas the calculation would be:

210hrs in term / 16 weeks in term = 13.12hrs a week

2) Providers will need to work out the total number of weeks they are open per term

Term	Total number of hours available in term	Total number of weeks available stretched	Holidays during term
Autumn	210 / 420 (30hr funding)	17	October half term – 1 week Christmas - 2 weeks
Spring	180 / 360 (30hr funding)	13	February half term – 1 week
Summer	180 / 360 (30hr funding)	22	Easter – 2 weeks May half term – 1 week Summer holidays – 6 weeks

3) Please note the following:

- Children starting your setting mid term will not be able to stretch the funding for the remainder of that term. The stretched offer can commence at the start of the following term.

Please note – if a child starts at your setting who has been claiming stretched funding in a previous setting please contact EYfunding@enfield.gov.uk so the appropriate funding can be calculated.