

Early Education & Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 Year Olds - FAQ's for Childcare Providers

If you are an OfSTED registered childcare provider in Bury looking to deliver early education sessions please read the FAQ's below:

Does my provision need to have achieved a certain OfSTED grade to go on the directory?

Yes. Providers graded 'good' or 'outstanding' can deliver sessions for 2, 3 and 4 year old children. Providers graded 'satisfactory/requires improvement' can deliver sessions for 3 and 4 year old children. 2 year old sessions will only be funded with providers who are graded 'satisfactory/requires improvement' where there is not sufficient accessible 'good' or 'outstanding' provision (see sections A3.2 – A3.3 of the EEC Guidance).

I am a newly registered childcare provider and I have not had an inspection, can I go on the directory?

Yes. Providers newly registered with OfSTED can deliver places for 2, 3 and 4 year old children and this will be reviewed after their first full OfSTED inspection.

I have a child already attending my provision who now qualifies for EEC for 2 year olds. As my OfSTED grade is 'Satisfactory/Requires Improvement' does this mean they will have to go somewhere else to take up their sessions?

Not necessarily, however, you will need to contact the Funding Team on earlyyearsfunding@bury.gov.uk for further information. Any provider that delivers EEC for 2 year olds and is graded 'Satisfactory/Requires Improvement' will be expected to work with our Quality Outcomes Team and engage fully with the setting support process to improve their OfSTED grade.

Will there be any forms for me to fill in?

Yes. Before you can go in Bury's Directory of EEC Providers you will need to sign a contract, complete a New Supplier Request form and provide proof of bank account details.

At the start of every term, for all eligible children attending your provision, you will need to complete a Headcount Form and for children who start or leave part way through a term you will need to complete either a New Starter Form or a Leaver Form.

How much will I get paid per hour?

£5.20 for 2 year olds

£3.90 for 3 & 4 year olds

The initial base rate for 3 and 4 year olds is recalculated every financial year (1st April) and as a new provider this will be the rate you receive however, this may be recalculated once the Head Count Forms are received.

The base rate for Private, Voluntary and Independent providers is determined using the approved Early Years National Funding

Formula (EYNFF) which is also applied to Bury's maintained nursery class funding.

The EYNFF hourly rate is also enhanced above the base rate shown above for all providers to recognise deprivation which is a key national Government priority for targeting resources to all education providers. The actual enhancement to the hourly rate for deprivation is unique to each setting and is calculated using the post code for every child on roll which is mapped onto a deprivation indices called Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI).

Can I charge extra for additional services?

Yes. However, you must allow children to access their sessions completely free. This means that you must not charge parents/carers a registration fee or ask them to purchase extra services such as additional hours, food or uniform unless they choose to do so (see section A1.2 of the EEC Guidance 2014).

What do I do next?

Once you have read and understand all the relevant information please email earlyyearsfunding@bury.gov.uk with the name of your setting and your OfSTED URN, stating you would like to be added to Bury's Directory of EEC Providers.

For more information about EEC for 2, 3 and 4 year olds please visit www.bury.gov.uk/EEC

Is there anything else I need to do?

Once you are included in the Directory you are required to release your information to the public. You may be required to complete a new consent form.

You will also be required to update your information on Bury's Family Information Service Online Childcare Search by logging on to the Provider Portal once a term and submitting your updated details.

If you are a new provider you will receive your login details once the Family Information Service have received confirmation from OfSTED of your registration.