# Free Entitlement Funding Portal Training Guide

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# **1 Logging onto the Provider Portal**

1.1. The provider portal can be accessed using the following link; <u>https://myapps.microsoft.com/</u>

or alternatively, log onto the Oldham council website and select:

Education / Early Years / Free Early Education (Provider Information) / PVI agreement for funding/ Provider Portal

**Note:** We recommend that you **do not** save this page in your favourites for future use, as this may cause issues with logging in.

1.2 Once at the provider portal, you will be required to enter your Microsoft apps username and password.

Your username will *always* end in @oldham.gov.uk.

Please ensure that you do not use your personal or work email to sign into Microsoft as this will not give you access to the synergy provider portal.

Sign in		
Email address, phone n	umber or Sky	/pe
No account? Create one!		
Can't access your account?		
	Back	Next

If you are having any issues with your Microsoft apps log in details, you will need to contact our IT department on 0161 770 1000, as the free entitlement team cannot assist providers with their Microsoft log in issues.

If you do not have a Microsoft account, please email the free entitlement team on <u>free.entitlement@oldham.gov.uk</u> with your full name, email address and direct contact number (without a holding message) and the team will request a new user from the IT department.

1.3 Once you have signed into the Microsoft apps section, you will come to the synergy live sign in page where you must enter your Synergy username and password.

Sign In
Sign in or create an account with us.
Enter your username
Next
Create Account
Sign in
Enter your password
You must enter a password to continue
Change User Forgot Password Create Account Sign In

If you forget your password for the synergy portal, email the free entitlement team to request a password reset.

# 2 Home Page

- 2.1 The home page is where all portal functions are accessed. The ones that providers will be using are:
  - Home takes you back to this home screen from wherever you are in the portal
  - **Forms** used to update your details i.e. vacancies, costs, and EY Census data collection.
  - **Funding** this is where you view your provider headcount records and submit headcount claims
  - **Staff** this is where you can manage your staff, which needs to be regularly updated to access training courses.

Но	me Forms Funding Staff	
	Welcome to FIS Provider Portal	
	Please make a selection from the above menu to proceed	

# 3 Funding

3.1 The first page in the funding tab is the Provider Headcount records page. Here you will find funding details for the current and previous terms. Funding is divided into two different **Funding Types** – 3&4 year old funding and 2 year old funding if you offer the 2YO funding.



Please note, only records on the current term can be amended, all previous terms can be selected to view as read only.

3.1.2 Within the funding tab, you are able to select from the following options;

a) **Summary** – allows you to view a breakdown of the funding you will receive within the relevant term

b) **Estimates** – allows you to submit an estimate of funded hours based on the number of children you expect to attend your setting the coming term.

c) **Actuals** – lists funded children in your nursery and allows you to submit new child details

d) **Adjustments** - method of informing the free entitlement team if a child starts or leaves the setting after the actuals deadline and submit evidence to the Free Entitlement Team.

e) **Eligibility Checker** – allows you to check the eligibility for 30 hours. This can be used to check eligibility before you offer a 30 hour place or to check if a parent has reconfirmed their eligibility.

# 4 Summary

#### 4.1 Select the **Term** you wish to open

Home Forms Funding	Staff
Summary Estimates Actuals Adju	stments Eligibility Checker
Select Year and Term	
Fin Year 2022/23	
Summer	
Spring	
Autumn	
Fin Year 2021/22	
Fin Year 2020/21	

4.2 Below is an example of what you will see on the summary screen

Summary: Fin Year 2022/23 Autumn -	3 & 4 Year Old Funding	CHANGE	
		Rate x Hours may not equal Totals as rounding is applied pe	r child.
		The totals shown are the sum of the funding amounts per c	hild.
Estimates		Actuals	
erm Length (Weeks)	14.000	Term Length (Weeks) Term Time	14.000
Provider Rate applied	£4.240	<ul> <li>Provider Rate applied to child funding</li> </ul>	£4.240
timate Funding		Universal Funding	
ours Per Week	85.00	Funded Hours for Term	420.00
erm Funding Amount	£5045.60	Funding Amount @ Provider Rate	£1780.80
terim %	75.00%	Child Weightings Total	£84.00
terim Amount Payable	£3784.20		
		Universal Funding Amount	£1864.80
rtal Interim Amount Paid to Date	£3784.20	Extended Funding	
erore way		Funded Hours for Term	210.00
		Funding Amount @ Provider Rate	£890.40
terim Amount Payable Balance	£0.00	Child Weightings Total	£42.00
		Extended Funding Amount	£932.40
		Totals	
		Funded Hours for Term	630.00
		Funding Amount @ Provider Rate	£2671.20
rocessed	Yes	Child Weightings	£126.00
ocessed Date	31-Aug-2022		
	-	Term Funding Amount	62797 20
		Interim Amount Paid (before Adi)	£3784.20
		mann saturn rina (neuro sug)	2.57 04.20
		Term Funding Amount Balance	(£987.00)
		Adjustments Paid with Final Payment	£2923.20
		-	

4.3 The summary page provides details of your payments and the page is split in 2 to show estimate and actual payments. The amounts will populate once you have submitted your estimate figures and child level details (actuals) and these have been imported by the Free Entitlement Team. Providers are expected to check the summary

page to confirm they have successfully submitted both their estimates and actuals. Please note, the summary page will show zero hours until your submissions have been imported.

The values on the Summary page should be checked to make sure they are in line with the funding you are expecting. By doing this on a termly basis you reduce the chance of missing children off your headcount.

Please be aware if a negative value is displayed this means you have overclaimed at estimates and this money will need to be repaid.

- 4.4 If you have selected '**nominated for DAF**' for any child in the child's record, the DAF payment due will also show on the summary page however, this will only be paid if the DAF process has been followed, please see annex B: Business Planning & Quality Improvement Processes.
- 4.5 The **processed date** is the date the Free Entitlement Team creates the payment production report and sends the payment request to Accounts Payable. It can take up to 5-10 working days from this date for the payment to reach your bank account.

#### **5** Estimates

- 5.1 You must submit an estimate of the number of weekly hours you expect to be funded for the selected term. The submission of estimates should be in line with the dates on the payment schedule. It is from this estimate that the payment you receive at the start of the term is calculated from. **Please Note,** if no estimate is submitted you will **NOT** be paid at the payment run.
- 5.2 To enter your estimate, you need to select **estimate** from the top menu. Select the **term** and **funding Type (2 year old, or 3&4 year old)**
- 5.3 enter the number of hours you expect to be funded for the selected term. This will be the total amount of **weekly** hours for all expected children, for example, if you have 6 children doing 15 hours and 3 doing 30 hours, the amount you will enter is 180 (12 x 15)

Submission Successfu
Submit Estimate: 2017 018 Autumn - 3 & 4 Year Old Funding CHANGE
Number of Weeks for this Term 14.000 Estimate Number of Funded Hours Per Week for this Term 45.00 Please enter both numbers, click 'Calculate', then 'Send Claim'
Calculate Send Claim

5.4 Select **calculate** to calculate the number of estimated hours for the term. For 2 year old funding you will be paid 100% of the value of these hours. For 3&4 year old funding the estimate payment is based on 75% of the value of hours you have submitted. The remaining 25% will be paid at actuals along with any new starters not accounted for at Estimates.

You can change the number of hours you have estimated even if you have already submitted your hours up until the submission deadline date. Simply enter the new number and click **send claim** to resubmit.

# 6 Eligibility Checker – checking an eligibility code (30 hours)

6.1 Eligibility codes need to be **verified before** additional free childcare can be offered. The DfE eligibility checking service (ECS) provides the facility for verifying eligibility of children for 30 hours free childcare. Providers can verify codes by entering the eligibility code into the Synergy online provider portal and this code will automatically be checked against the ECS. To carry out the check you will need the eligibility code (11 digits), parent's National Insurance number and the child's date of birth. Ensure you have written consent form, or on behalf of the parent to receive confirmation of the validity of the parent's 30 hour eligibility code. This is obtained via the parental declaration form.

The following shows how to check if a 30 hour code is eligible, it does not add the child to your term headcount.

Home Forms Funding Staff
Summary Estimates Actuals Adjustments Eligibility Checker
Eligibility Checker
Use this area to check if a child is eligible for extended hours. Please click the button below and provide the details as required.
Data Protection Notice - a record of the check is maintained for monitoring purposes. The information supplied is NOT stored by the system.
30 Hours Free Childcare

In the provider portal select the funding tab and then select eligibility checker;

Select 30 hours free childcare.

Complete the 30 hours free childcare screen filling in all mandatory fields marked with an \*.

Once completed, click submit.

	30 Hours Free Childcare			
Please enter a valid Eligibility Code and Child Date of Birth, together with Parent/Carer Details. Partner Details are optional but if entered then all fields, except Forename, must be filled in.				
Eligibility Code*				
Child Date of Birth*				
Parent/Carer Forename				
Parent/Carer Surname				
Parent/Carer NI Number*				
Consent must be given for this	Eligibility Check			
Partner Forename				
Partner Sumame				
Partner NI Number				
*denotes mandatory fields				
Submit Cancel				

#### The system will now connect to the ECS checker and return the result.

If the details are correct, you will be given a start date, end date and grace period end dates. You will then be able to offer places if the dates meet the criteria for the funding, for details on the criteria see the **Early Years Entitlement Operational Guidance.** 



If a code is 'found' as above, it does **not** necessarily mean that the code is <u>valid</u> for the term. Please ensure that you check the dates of the code to determine if the code is actually valid for the term.

For example: for a 30 hour code to be valid for the Autumn term, the start date must be on or before 31 August to be valid for the term and accepted on the portal. If a code is applied for, or reconfirmed late, the code may show as 'found' as it is in fact an eligible code, *however* if the start date is after 31 August, the portal will <u>not</u> accept this once you come to add the child onto your Actuals.

If the term is open, you can add the child to your term headcount via the 'add child' function.

### 7 Actuals

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7.1 The Actuals tab will show you a list of funded children attending your setting. Select the **Term** and **Funding Type** you wish to open and select the **Actuals** tab to see a list of children brought forward from the previous term.

Hor	ne F	orms Fundi	ng Staff					
Sum	mary I	Estimates Actuals	Adjustments Eligibility	Checker				
Sub	mit /	Actual: Fin Ye	ar 2022/23 Sprin	g - 3 & 4 Year Old F	Funding CHANGE			
Ad	d Chi	ild Send C	laim					
		Status	Child Name	Universal Hours (inc Adj)	Extended Hours (inc Adj)	Total Funding Amount for Term (inc Adj)	Child Weightings	Eligibility Status
🛦 🖸 Unchanged Head, Oscar (01-Feb-2014) 210.00 210.00 £1545.60 15-Jun-2017 - 22-Se Grace Period: 30-Dec								15-Jun-2017 - 22-Sep-2017 Grace Period: 30-Dec-2017
Request Delete         Head. Otis (23-Oct-2013)         210.00         0.00         £772.80								
Add Child Send Clam								

7.2 **Please note,** only eligible children will be automatically carried forward into subsequent terms. For example, if a child has turned 5 years old and is therefore out

of the date range for the next term, they will automatically be removed by the system. Additionally, if this is the first term entering child details, no previous terms will appear.

On this page you can:

- i. delete,
- ii. edit and
- iii. add a child and their details

You will need to review the list of children and update their details accordingly for the current term.

# a) Deleting a child

You will only need to do this at the start of a term when a child has been brought forward by the Free Entitlement Team but is no longer attending the school nursery.

If you need to delete a child from your records, click on the X.

Selecting the X will bring up the following message:

				(Inc Adj)	(inc Adj)	(inc Adj)	
4	E	Unchanged	Head, Oscar (01-Feb-2014)	210.00	210.00	£1545.6	
	E	Unchongod	Head, Otis	210.00	0.00		
				Request Delet	e		
	Add C Are you sure you want to request the deletion of child: Head, Otis from this headcount record? Delete requests are automatically submitted but can be cancelled.						
				Yes No			

Selecting **yes** changes the status of the child to '**delete pending**, **submitted**' as shown below. The child will be removed once your request has been actioned by the Free Entitlement Team.

$\sim$			(01-160-2014)				Grace Ferrou. 30-Dec-2017
	り	Delete Pending, Submitted	Head, Otis (23-Oct-2013)	0.00	0.00	£772.80	

### b) Editing a child's detail

All details apart from hours attended are brought forward from the previous term therefore, you will need to input the child's attendance hours. You are also able to correct any incorrect information in a child's records i.e. update address details. Once you have made the necessary corrections, click **Save** to take you back to the Actuals headcount page. The status of this child's record will change to 'Edit pending'. The following symbol will appear <sup>1</sup> informing you that an action is pending, in this case it means the claim needs to be submitted.

# c) Adding a child

To add a new child click the **add child** button.

Home Forms Funding Staff
Summary Estimates Actuals Adjustments Estimates Checker
Submit Actual: Fin-Year 2022/23 Spring - 3 & 4 Year Old Funding CHANGE
Add Child Send Claim

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blank form will appear for you to complete. *Please note*, there are 4 separate tabs, you must complete the first 3 tabs; child details, parent/carer details and funding details. Tab 4 should be completed if you have documents to share with the Free entitlement Team *i.e.* evidence to support claim for DAF.

Child Details		Address	
Forename*		Address Line 1*	
Middle Name		Address Line 2	
Surname*		Address Line 3	
DOB*		Locality	
Proof of DOB		Town	
Gender*	Male     Female	County	
Preferred Surname		Postcode*	
Ethnicity*	<unknown></unknown>	✓	
SEN COP Stage*	No Special Educational Need	✓	

All fields marked with an \* on the **Child Details** tab must be completed.

The **Parent/Carer Details** tab shown below must be completed fully using the information collected on the Parental Declaration form. This will enable the Free Entitlement Team to carry out an Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) check. For children entitled to the extended hours funding, this information is required to enable validation of the 30 hour code.

Home Forms Funding Staff	
Summary Estimates Actuals Adjustments Eligibility Checker	
Child Details Parent / Carer Details Funding Details Documents	
Entering Parent/Carer details enables us to check whether the child is eligible t extended hours.	or Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) funding, and whether the child is eligible for
Please ensure you input details for all records that have given their permission that the correct consent boxes are selected as per the usage of the details.	to do so, as this ensures you receive the additional funding. Please also ensure
Details are optional but if entered then at least Forename, Surname and NI or	NASS Number must be filled in.
Parent / Carer Details	Partner Details
Forename	Forename
Surname	Surname
DOB	DOB
NI or NASS Number	NI or NASS Number
Tick to give consent to Eligibility EYPP 30H Checking for	Tick to give consent to Eligibility
Save Cancel *denotes mandatory fields	

You <u>must tick the EYPP and/or 30H box to allow for these checks to be carried</u> out only if the parent/carer has provided these details on the parental declaration form. This forms their consent for eligibility checks to be carried out.

If you fail to tick the EYPP box, no EYPP eligibility check will be carried out and you will not receive EYPP funding even if you know the child is entitled to it.

When you tick the 30H consent box, the following message will appear as a reminder that National Insurance details are required to enable a 30 hours eligibility check to be carried out.



If the 30H consent box is not ticked, you will not be able to submit a 30 hour claim.

When you select the <sup>30 Hours Free Childcare</sup> button on the funding tab to validate the 30 hour code, the following error message will appear:

$\overline{8}$	Must provide consent to use Parent/Carer Details for this Eligibility Check. Please review your entered values and try again.

On the **Funding Details** tab, select **Default Term Dates** if a child is expected to be with you for the full term. This will auto populate with the term start and end dates. If a child starts with you mid-way through the term, you need to enter the correct start date. Equally, if you know a child will be leaving early, you need to enter the correct end date. You must enter the number of weeks within this period in **Weeks attended in term**.

	Funding Details Documents		
Funding Details		Attendance Days	
Start Date*		Attends Monday	○ Yes ○ No
End Date*		Attends Tuesday	○ Yes ○ No
		Attends Wednesday	○ Yes ○ No
	Default lerm Dates	Attends Thursday	○ Yes ○ No
Weeks Attended in Term*		Attends Friday	○ Yes ○ No
Present during Census		Attends Saturday	○ Yes ○ No
Attends Two Days or More		Attends Sunday	○ Yes ○ No
Nominated for DAF*	○ Yes ○ No		
Universal Funded Hours per	Week	Non-Funded Hours per We	ek
Universal Hours*		Non-Funded Hours*	
Extended Funded Hours per	Week	if this child attends anothe	er setting as well as yours, be sure to enter the
Extended Hours*		hours as per what has been a	greed with the child's parent/carer
30H Eligibility Code			
	20 Haven Free Children	Maximum Values Allowed:	
	30 Hours Free Childcare	Number of Weeks: 11.000	
Eligible for 30H		Universal Weekhy Hours: 10.0	10
		Universal Termly Hours: 110.	00
Total Funded Hours per Wei Total Funded:	ek	Universal Yearly Hours: 380.0	0
iotal l'unded.		Extended Weekly Hours: 10.0	0
		Extended Termly Hours: 110.	00

You <u>must</u> select 'attends two days or more' if the child accesses their free entitlement on more than 1 day.

The red box informs you of the maximum number of hours per week/ term/ year you can claim based on the attendance details you have input. If you have not selected attends two days or more, then the maximum you can claim is 10 hours per week (this is based on DfE Guidance that a child cannot access more than 10 hours of funded hour in a day). If this box is not ticked, the system assumes the child is only attending 1 day per week and therefore caps the funding at 10 hours per day x number of weeks in the term. If the box is ticked, you can claim the maximum number of hours in the term.

If **Nominated for DAF** is selected as **Yes**, please ensure the DAF process is followed. DAF payments will only be made on receipt of evidence. Evidence can be submitted through the document upload function available on the provider portal. How to upload documents via the portal is discussed later in the document.

### 8 Validating a 30 hour code

8.1 Parents who are eligible for Extended Hours are issued a voucher code which is given to their chosen provider. Providers will enter the voucher code via the Provider Portal to be validated.

For a 30 hour claim or where a child is accessing 30 hours in total between providers, enter the 30hr eligibility code. <u>You must enter the 30 hour eligibility code even if you</u> are only delivering the 15 Universal hours and the 15 extended hours are being accessed elsewhere. You will be able to identify if this is the case from the completed Parental Declaration Form.

If a child is accessing the extended hours at your setting, you <u>must</u> enter the child's 30 hour code and validate it via the **30 Hours Free Childcare** button.

me: Otis Head DOB: 01-Eeb-20	115	1	
The ous near Dob. 01-1eb-20			
mmary Child Details Parent / Carer I	Details Funding Details Documen	ts	
Funding Details		Attendance Days	
Start Date*	01-Jan-2019	Attends Monday	○Yes ○No
End Date*	31-Mar-2019	Attends Tuesday	⊖Yes ⊖No
	Default Term Dates	Attends Wednesday	○Yes ○No
Weeks Attended in Term*	11.000	Attends Thursday	○Yes ○No
Present during Census		Attends Friday	○Yes ○No
Attends Two Days or More		Attends Saturday	○Yes ○No
Nominated for DAF*	○ Yes ○ No	Attends Sunday	OvesONo
Universal Funded Hours per	r Week	Non-Funded Hours per W	Veek
Universal Hours*	15.00	Non-Funded Hours*	0.00
Extended Funded Hours per	Week	if this child attends another the second	ner setting as well as yours, be sure t
Extended Hours*	15.00	enter the hours as per what parent/carer	has been agreed with the child's
30H Eligibility Code	20099997575		
	30 Hours Free Childcare	Maximum Values Allowed	d:
Eligible for 30H	$\checkmark$	Number of weeks: 11.000	
		Universal Weekly Hours: 10	0.00
Total Funded Hours per We	ek	Universal Termiy Hours: 11 Universal Yearly Hours: 38	0.00
Total Funded:	30.00		
	L	Extended Weekly Hours: 10	0.00

This check requires the parent or carers details and National Insurance number to be entered within the Parent / Carer Details tab.

Confirmation that the Eligibility Code has been found will be displayed and the Eligible for 30H tick box will be populated. Click **Save** 

If you receive the following message after clicking the '30 hours free childcare' button the eligibility code is not valid. Recheck the details you have input (30hr code, DOB & parent NI number). If the details are correct, speak to the parent as they may not have reconfirmed their eligibility in time.



If a 30-hour child takes up a place for the first time whilst in the grace period, the following message will be displayed:



You must also enter a value in the **Non-Funded Hours per Week** field if the child is accessing more than 30 hours a week or if the child is accessing more than 15 hours per week and is not entitled to the additional 15 funded hours. When you have entered the details on all 3 tabs, simply press **save**. If, when trying to save the child's record you have entered an invalid entry, you will receive an error message. The page will list the sections which need to be changed:

Details Parent / Carer Details	Funding Details Documents		
Child Details		Address	
Forename*	I	* Address Line 1*	*
Middle Name		Address Line 2	
Surname*		<ul> <li>Address Line 3</li> </ul>	
DOB*		* Locality	
Proof of DOB		Town	
Gender*	Male Female *	County	
Preferred Surname		Postcode*	*
Ethnicity*	<ur><li><unknown></unknown></li></ur>	   *	
SEN COP Stage	<ul> <li><unknown></unknown></li> </ul>	]	
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After saving the record you will return to the Actuals where the Eligibility Status details can be viewed:

Home Forms	Funding Staff						
Summary Estimat	al: Fin Year 2022/2	Bigibility Checker	4 Year Old Fund	ing CHANGE			
Add Child	Send Claim						
Status		Child	Universal Hours (inc Adj)	Extended Hours (inc Adj)	Total Funding Amount for Term (inc Adj)	Child Weightings	Eligibility Status
×			0.00	0.00	£0.00	DC2,EYPP	12-Jul-2022 - 14-Jan-2023 Grace Period: 31-Mar-2023
×			0.00	0.00	£0.00	DC2	
×			0.00	0.00	£0.00	DC2	
×			0.00	0.00	£0.00	DC2	
Add Child	Send Claim						
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Children who are in a Grace Period will display a warning icon <sup>(A)</sup> to notify the provider that the child is in the Grace Period for the given term.

# 9 Submitting your headcount form

- 9.1 You must submit your headcount information by the specified date, please refer to the Payments Submission Timetable.
- 9.2 To submit the headcount, select the **ACTUALS** tab and select the appropriate Term to open up the Provider Headcount Records page. Check the names and hours are correct. Once you are happy to proceed, click **Send Claim**.

Home Forms Funding Staff	
Summary Estimates Actuals Adjustments Eligibility Checker	
Submit Actual: Fin Year 2022/23 Spring - 3 & 4 Year Old Funding CHANGE	
Add Child Send Claim	
	Total fundam

9.3 If you have completed your headcount correctly, you should receive a **Submission successful** message. If your submission is not successful, you will need to check your records and resubmit.

V	Submission Successful

You are able to update and resubmit child records as many times as you need up to the deadline for Actuals. The child records will be overwritten with the latest information.

To check if you have successfully submitted all claims, log out and log back into the portal. If your claim has been submitted, no message will show on the Home page.

After the deadline for submission has passed you will no longer be able to add further children or edit your headcount.

# **10 Adjustments**

- 10.1 Once the Actuals deadline date has passed, the Actuals screen for that term will show a summary of the records submitted including the breakdown of Universal and Extended hours. Individual child records can still be viewed on the Actuals tab but no further amendments can be made.
- 10.2 To add children who have started after the submission cut-off date, or to make other amendments i.e. inform of a child leaving early, an adjustment will need to be made via the **Adjustments tab**:



View Adiustments: Fin Year 2022/23 Spring - 3 & 4 Year Old Funding CHANGE

To submit an adjustment click on the child's name if the change relates to an existing child or click **Add Child** if it is a new child

10.3 When making an adjustment claim the child's details can be amended via the **Child Details** tab, the term start date and end date can be amended via the **funding details** tab and the parent/carer details can be amended via the **parent/carer tab**. Child hours are recorded in the **Pending Adjustment** tab.

nmary Child Details Parent / Carer Details Funding Details Documents	Pending Adjustment
Universal Pending Adjustment	Extended Pending Adjustment
Number of Hours	Number of Hours
Reason (500 characters)	Reason (500 characters)
More Hours	
Less Hours	
Maximum Values Allowed:	Maximum Values Allowed:
Maximum Values Allowed: Universal Termly Hours: 210.00	Maximum Values Allowed: Extended Termly Hours: 210.00

This screen enables providers to add a positive or negative adjustment to the Universal Hours, Extended hours or both and enter a reason to support the adjustment.

In the drop down box **More Hours** should be used add a positive adjustment i.e. increase in hours or new starter. **Less hours** should be used for negative adjustments i.e. reduction in hours or child leaving before the end of the term. **If the child leaves early and there are no exceptional circumstances, in accordance with the Annex B – Business, Planning Processes, the funding will remain with the setting however, you still must submit an adjustment at zero hours** and provide a reason for the adjustment so that the system records that the child is no longer attending your setting.

Once you have made the necessary changes, click **save**. If there are any errors in input, these will be displayed upon saving the record.

The adjustment will be displayed on the adjustment headcount page with the hours showing under **Pending Universal/Extended Adj Hours** column.

D No	ot su \dd C	bmitted ႔ In hild Sen	1 30H grace period Id Claim	K		1				
		Status	Child Name	Pending Universal Adj Hours	Pending Extended Adj Hours	Universal Hours (inc Adj)	Extended Hours (inc Adj)	Total Funding Amount for Term (inc Adj)	Eligibility Status	

10.4 Click **send claim** to submit your adjustment. If your submission is successful, the submission successful message will appear and the status will change from **Edit Pending** to **Edit Pending**, **Submitted**.



10.5 Once the adjustment has been imported by the Free Entitlement Team, the status on the adjustment tab will change to **Unchanged** and the **Pending adjustment hours** will change to zero.

Ad	d Child	Send Claim		
	Status	Child Name	Pending Universal Adj Hours	Pending Extended Adj Hours
	Unchanged	Batey, Abdul (01-Feb-2015)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Bond, Aisha (01-Feb-2015)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Head, Oscar (01-Feb-2015)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Head, Otis (23-Oct-2014)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Head, Otis (01-Feb-2015)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Roberts, Lexi (06-Oct-2014)	0.00	0.00
	Unchanged	Wood, Lucy (09-May-2015)	0.00	0.00

10.6 The funding amount owing to you will show at the top of the adjustment tab. This will show as **Not Paid** until the payment is processed. Clicking on the arrow symbol expands to reveal who this payment relates to.

w Adji	istimates Actu	els Adjustments Eligibier, FIN Year 2022/23 A	enecker utumn - 3 &	4 Year (	Old Funding	CHANGE				
aid with	h Estimates - Date Added	Total: (£75.60), Paid Date: Child Name	31-Aug-2022 Date of Birth	No. of Hours	Override Rate per Hour	Total Child Weighting Amount	Total Amount @ Provider Rate	Amount	Reason	
Provider	25-Aug-2022							(£75.60)	Carried value fro Year 202	negative final om Summer Fin 22/23
aid as A	Adjustments	- Total: £399.60, Paid Date	: 30-Nov-2022							
Type Da	te Added	Child Name	Date of Birth	No. of Hours	Override Rate per Hour	Total Child Weighting Amor	Total Amou unt Provider Ra	int @ ite	Amount	Reason
Child 16	-Nov-2022	Mohammed Faya	18-Apr-2019	90.00		£1	8.00	£381.60	£399.60	Start date 7/11/2022

Once adjustment payments have been processed the payment will show as **Paid with Estimates/Actuals.** This is the cumulative amount, expand to see how this payment is broken down.

# **11 Uploading Documents**

11.1 Documents needed to support your claim for funding can be sent to the Free Entitlement Team via the **Documents Tab** on the provider portal. This includes: evidence to support a claim for DAF funding and parental declaration forms where children have started the setting midterm or left the setting before the end of the term.

Summary Child Details Parent / Carer Details Funding Details Documents								
Supporting Documents								
Please upload any documents which support this term.								
Please enter a Description to clarify what the file contains. Allowed file types are: .docx, .doc, .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .gif, .bmp, .tif, .tiff, .txt, .rtf Files may not be larger than 10 MB.								
Description*	File Name	Upload a file						
No Documents Uploaded								
*denotes mandatory fields								

11.2 To add the evidence, click **upload a file.** Select the required file and click **open** The selected file will upload and you will be asked to name the file. Please make clear what this uploaded document relates to i.e. name the file: midterm starter, midterm leaver, DAF, birth certificate etc. **Save** and **Send** the claim

# **12 Child funding summary**

12.1 Within this tab you will be able to see a breakdown of the child's claim including if they are eligible for EYPP and/or nominated for DAF. Within the **Funding** tab, select **Actuals** and open the appropriate term.



12.2 This will bring up the list of children (headcount) for that term. Select the child by double clicking on the child's name

Select the summary tab to see the breakdown

#### Name: Oscar Head DOB: 01-Feb-2014

Summary Child Details Funding Details Parent / Carer Details

Child is in 30H grace period	bd	Universal Funding	
		Funded Hours Per Week	15.00
erm Start Date	04-Sep-2017	Funded Hours for Term	210.00
erm End Date	15-Sep-2017	-	
o of weeks attended	14.000	Funding Amount @ Provider Rate	£772.80
ominated for DAF	No	Child Weightings	£0.00
OH Eligibility Start Date	15-Jun-2017	Universal Funding Amount	£772.80
H Grace Period End Date	30-Dec-2017	Extended Funding	
H Eligibility last checked	15-Jun-2017 15:19:56	Funded Hours Per Week	15.00
Drovidor Total Pato	£3,680	Funded Hours for Term	210.00
Provider Total Rate			£772.80
		Child Weightings	£0.00
		_	
		Extended Funding Amount	£772.80
		 Extended Funding Amount Totals	£772.80
			<b>£772.80</b> 30.00
		Extended Funding Amount Totals Funded Hours Per Week Funded Hours for Term	<b>£772.80</b> 30.00 420.00
		Extended Funding Amount Totals Funded Hours Per Week Funded Hours for Term Total Funding (excl. Adj)	£772.80 30.00 420.00 £1545.60
		Extended Funding Amount Totals Funded Hours Per Week Funded Hours for Term Total Funding (excl. Adj) Total amount from Adjustments	£772.80 30.00 420.00 £1545.60 £0.00

Where this symbol is visible <sup>b</sup> the information can be extended to provide a breakdown of the weightings applied to that child.

# 13 30 hour – Local Authority audits and parent reconfirmations

- 13.1 Parents need to re-confirm their eligibility every three months via the Government Gateway Childcare Services Account. Parents will be notified via their chosen method of communication prior to their validity end date. If the parent successfully reconfirms, new period dates will be issued.
- 13.2 If a parent does not re-confirm their eligibility or loses eligibility, a grace period will come into effect. The grace period enables parents to retain their childcare place for a short period. The Operational Guidance outlines specific grace period cut-off dates.
- 13.3 Local Authorities will carry out an audit of codes at six fixed points within the year and

childcare providers will be notified once these have been done. A warning triangle will appear beside the child's name for children who are in their grace period. These parents should be reminded to reconfirm their eligibility otherwise they will lose eligibility for the extended hours the following term.

13.4 Please note, warning triangles will not show for children whose grace period has lapsed and are no longer eligible for the extended hours.
 More information on audit dates and grace period dates can be found in the Operational Guidance.

# 14 Logging out

14.1 When you have finished using the portal, exit the site via the **Logout** button:



Each time you leave the site you must always log out to allow updates to refresh and for security reasons.