

## EHCP Funding in the Early Years.

An Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) is a document issued by the local authority that clearly lays out what extra support a child with Special Educational Needs will need in an education setting. The support described in the EHCP must be put in place by any setting the child attends, this includes nurseries and childminders. The local authority normally provides the education setting with some funding to help them pay for the extra support. The money is to be used to pay for extra resources or staffing to enable the setting to put all the support described in the EHCP in place. It is not to pay for extra hour in setting or for other activities not described in the plan.

The amount of funding allocated to a child is decided at a panel. The panel will read the EHCP plan that has been written, looking at how much support it says is needed and then decide which level of support they feel best fits what the EHCP says.

In nursery there are three levels of funding that could be allocated at panel, they are described below, the amount is as well as the EFF funding a child receives to attend the nursery.

<b>2N2YO</b>	£3,334.50	Standard EHCP annual value for 2 year old with an EHCP in a nursery setting, for 15 hours, 38 weeks.
<b>2N2</b>	£2,536.50	Standard EHCP annual value for 3/4 year old with an EHCP in a nursery setting, for 15 hours, 38 weeks.
<b>2N3</b>	£5,073.00	Standard EHCP annual value for 3/4 year old with an EHCP with extremely complex needs in a nursery setting, for 15 hours, 38 weeks. Double this for 30 hours.

(Funding amounts accurate January 2025, they may change see live link for up to date information [Solihull-High-Needs-Banding-2024-25](#))

The funding is agreed at panel but will only start being paid when the EHCP is finalised. This may take a few weeks after the panel.

Nursery will be able to see if the funding has started to be paid by looking at the provider portal. Any SEND funding such as Inclusion Fund, DAF or EHCP funding should be indicated next to the child's name. It is important to check when the funding starts being paid as you have a responsibility to ensure that funding is being used for the child with the EHCP. If you have a finalised EHCP and you have checked on your portal and the funding is not yet being received you will need to contact the EHCP team to ask about payment. The email address to contact is [edsen1@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:edsen1@solihull.gov.uk)

If you don't agree with the level of funding allocated to meet the child's needs, you have a right to ask for the child's case to be taken back to panel to ask for more funding. To do that you need to provide some evidence about the costs of putting the support in place. You need to complete a costed provision map (see example on solgrid [Key resources for setting SENCos](#)) you can only cost support and interventions that are written in to the EHCP, you can't ask for funding to pay for support not written in to the EHCP. For example, if you think the child will benefit from access to a sensory room but it does not say this in the child's plan you cannot write the cost of a sensory room on the provision map. You will need to send your request for a change of funding to [edsen1@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:edsen1@solihull.gov.uk) along with your evidence i.e. SEND plans and provision maps.