

## Early Years Special Education Inclusion Funding Appendix 3 – Criteria and Funding rates 2026-27

### Funding Criteria for potential new funding levels for Early Years Inclusion Supplement

Level	Criteria	Hourly rate of Inclusion Supplement all ages
Emerging SEND	<p>The child is known to Early Years Inclusion Process.</p> <p>At least 2 rounds of graduated response with evidence of 2 planned small group activities or 2 planned individual activity per session in place.</p> <p>The child is known to one other service, or on the waiting list for the service, e.g. SaLT, Health (OT, Physio, CAMHS), PD Outreach, Virtual School, Inclusion Support Services</p> <p>Child does not have an EHCP in place</p>	£0.50

Level	Criteria	Hourly rate of Inclusion Supplement 3- & 4-years-olds	Hourly rate of Inclusion Supplement 2-year-olds	Hourly rate of inclusion supplement for under 2's
Level 1	<p>The child is known to the Early Years Inclusion Process.</p> <p>Child requires <b>additional</b> resources to ensure SEND needs are met as outlined in recommendations from at least 1 external professional e.g. SaLT, ISS</p> <p>At least three rounds of graduated response, which incorporates advice from other professionals</p> <p>Child does not have an EHCP in place</p>	£4.35	£2.31	N/A
Level 2	<p>Child is known to the Early Years Inclusion Process.</p> <p>Child has significant SEND needs as demonstrated by their EYFS profile and graduated approach evidence (illustrating provision required to meet needs).</p> <p>Child may or may not have an EHCP</p> <p>Child has ongoing support from at least 2 external professionals.</p> <p>Child may attend an early years enhanced provision (or family declined a place).</p> <p>Funding request is supported by a member of ISS.</p> <p>Child will have a moderate level of need relating to their vision loss/Deafness, as determined by the Sensory impairment Team</p>	£8.70	£6.66	£4.12

Level 3	<p>Child is known to the Early Years Inclusion Process.</p> <p>Significant and complex life-long SEND needs as identified by the Sensory Impairment Service or Physical Disability Outreach team. Profound level of loss means they will require BSL or Braille to access learning and in the case of VI, require one to one support to ensure safety in the setting as well as access to learning.</p> <p>Individuals require a high level of adult support whilst attending the EY provider to ensure their inclusion.</p> <p>Support staff require additional training and qualifications which are not typically required when supporting a majority of SEND needs e.g. BSL or Braille qualification, medical procedures</p> <p>Specialist one to one support, for Sensory Impaired CYP is essential to enable access to EYs provider.</p> <p>Child may or may not have an EHCP in place, though in majority of cases this is in place or assessment has been requested</p>	£9.70	£7.66	£5.20
Level 4	<p>Child is known to the Early Years Inclusion Process</p> <p>Significant and complex life-long SEND needs as identified the by Sensory Impairment Service of Physical Disability Outreach Service. Likely to be on the MSI caseload.</p> <p>2:1 support required to meet health and education needs throughout attendance time with an EY provider.</p> <p>Child may or may not have an EHCP in place, though it is expected that an EHC Plan would need to be in place prior to starting statutory education</p> <p>Child is known to Continuing Healthcare</p> <p>Child is known to Disabled Children's Social Care Team</p> <p>Support staff require additional training and qualifications which are not typically required when supporting a majority of SEND needs e.g. medical procedures to provide life supporting care</p>	£17.40	£13.32	£12.90