

Offering EYFE all year round & claiming ‘stretched funding’ in the Synergy Provider Portal

- Childcare Providers in Brighton and Hove who offer a ‘stretched’ entitlement (all year round including school holidays) can choose to claim via Synergy on a stretched funding basis
- The annual 570 hour (2 year old & universal 3&4) or 1140 hour (extended 3&4) entitlement per child starts from the Autumn Term (so will be calculated by Synergy from 1 September to 31 August)
- Stretched Funding within Synergy is operated at **child** level not provider, which means that the total claim for your setting can have both stretched and term-time only funded children
- It is possible for a child to move between stretched and term-time only offers (from term to term), as long as a child does not exceed their 570 (1140) hour annual entitlement
- If a child is **receiving** any of the entitlements at more than one provider (either term-time or year round or a mixture of both) funding must be **claimed** (by each provider) on a **TERM-TIME ONLY BASIS**, and ‘self-stretched’
- The following table is a summary of different patterns of provision that are typical within settings in Brighton and Hove

OPEN	EYFE STRETCHED OFFER	MAXIMUM WEEKLY EYFE HOURS either 2 year old, universal or extended
All year round	52 weeks	11 hours (approx)
All year round, closed for 1 week at Christmas	51 weeks	11 hours (approx)
All year round, closed for 2 weeks at Christmas (school holidays)	50 weeks	11.5 hours (approx)
All year round & no more than 4.5 extra holiday weeks	47.5/48 weeks	12 hours

- When claiming ‘stretched’ funding via Synergy, you should enter the **TOTAL number of weeks you stretch the entitlements each term and TOTAL number of stretched hours each week to the maximum as described in your core offer submitted each academic year.**
- The funding details tab in your child records now gives details about maximum allowances for the term. **NB These maximum allowances are OVERALL within the system to accommodate all types of stretches/offers and may not reflect your setting’s specific offer**
- Below is a table showing the number of stretched weeks each term according to each typical stretched offer

TERM	52 WEEK STRETCH	51 WEEK STRETCH	50 WEEK STRETCH (will vary according to when ‘non EYFE’ weeks are taken –example shows 2 weeks at Christmas)	47.5/48 WEEK STRETCH (will vary according to when ‘non EYFE’ weeks are taken – example shows 1.5 weeks in Autumn and 3 weeks in Summer)
AUTUMN	17	16	15	15.5
SPRING	13	13	13	13
SUMMER	22	22	22	19

- Providers should enter their **weeks x hours as described to us in their core offer**
- To ensure you do not exceed the maximum 570 (1140) hours per child per year, please be careful to enter the **correct number of weeks each term** for your offer so you do not exceed your total annual stretch