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What is your new early learning and childcare Sustainable Rate from the 1 April 2026 for “Eligible 2s”? If you have not yet set a new rate, when do you expect this decision to be made?

£7.70 per hour (excludes funding for meals)

What percentage increase does this represent for “Eligible 2s” compared to your Sustainable Rate up to 31 March 2026?

5.91%

How does this break down in percentage terms by the staffing element and other costs element?

An increase of 6.70% applied to 77% of the hourly rate for staffing element.

An increase of 3.40% applied to 23% of the hourly rate for other costs element.

	Salary Element	Other Costs Element	New Rate
	6.70%	3.40%	
2 year olds 2025/26	£5.60	£1.67	
Increase 6.70%	£0.38	£0.06	
Increase 3.40%			
2 year olds 2026/27	£5.97	£1.73	£7.70

What is your new early learning and childcare Sustainable Rate from the 1 April 2026 for “3-5-year-olds”? If you have not yet set a new rate, when do you expect this decision to be made?

£7.17 per hour (excludes funding for meals)

What percentage increase does this represent for “3-5-year-olds” compared to your Sustainable Rate up to 31 March 2026?

5.91%

How does this break down in percentage terms by the staffing element and other costs element?

An increase of 6.70% applied to 77% of the hourly rate for staffing element.

An increase of 3.40% applied to 23% of the hourly rate for other costs element.

	Salary Element	Other Costs Element	New Rate
	6.70%	3.40%	
3 to 5 years 2025/26	£5.21	£1.56	
Increase 6.70%	£0.35		
Increase 3.40%		£0.05	

3 to 5 years 2026/27	£5.56	£1.61	£7.17
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