

## **EHCP Top Up Funding (Element 3) Arrangements for 2025/26**

Please be aware that with effect from 1 April 2025 the hourly top up rate for EHCP funding has been increased by 10% from £13.60 to £14.96 and the Request for Additional Funding (RAF) has been increased from £13.60 to £14.96 from 1 April 2025.

### **Practical Arrangements for Top Up Funding for EHC Plans for 2025/26**

1) Early Years and Primary

- Top Up funding will be paid at £14.96 per hour from April 2025.

2) Secondary Schools

- We will ask each Secondary School to complete and return a spreadsheet with the details of the support hours for each individual with an Oxfordshire maintained EHC Plan
- These spreadsheets will be sent out by 3rd November 2025.
- Spreadsheets to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
- Payment made by 30th January 2026 (this may be subject to change).
- As per previous years, the historic formulae and hours submitted are calculated to get to a level of £14.96 per hour of support.
- Further guidance will be sent out with the returns.
- For returns that have significant variance from previous years, officers will be coming to do work with school leaders to ensure equity across all settings.

3) Special Schools

- The bonus funding for Special Schools has been incorporated into the funding model.

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