## **FEEE2 vs FEEE2W**

With the introduction of 2-year-old funding for working parents (FEE2W) it is important to remember that the existing 2-year-old funding for disadvantaged families (FEE2) will remain unchanged.

There will be occasions when a family might meet the criteria for both entitlements however, they will still only be entitled to 15 hours funding per week. In this case, the parents should always opt for FEEE2.

	FEEE2	FEEE2W
Does the parent have to apply?	Yes – via the Essex Education Portal	Yes – via <u>Childcare Choices</u>
What does the code look like?	Begins TYF881-	Begins 50 or 114
Does the parent have to renew?	No	Yes – every 3 months
Does the funding cease if the parents fall out of eligibility?	No – funding is not withdrawn if the family's circumstances change	Yes – if the parent falls out of eligibility, they will not be able to claim past their Grace Period End Date
Is a Working Parent check required?	No	Yes
Is a Placement Notification required?	Yes	No
What is the Funding Rate	£8.00 per hour	£7.85 per hour
Can the funding be shared between 2 settings?	No	Yes
If the parent applies during the term, can they claim immediately?	Yes – from the application approval date (even if this is mid-term)	No – parents must be approved the term prior to claiming
Is a Better Start task required?	Yes	Yes, from Summer 2024