

Special and AP funding rate from April 2026

From April 2026, funding will be calculated on a **daily** basis. You will receive:

£18.95 a day guaranteed for fixed costs (inc. staffing), no matter how many pupils attend

AND

£3.23 per pupil per day that attends the free breakfast club on average

You will also receive a **£1,000 start-up grant** to cover the costs of equipment & other costs associated with launching your free club.

Example estimated* funding based on example take-up rates

Take-up	Per pupil payment	Daily fixed payment	Total daily payment	Start-up grant	Total annual payment (daily payment x 194 days + grant)
20 pupils	£64.60	£18.95	£83.55	£1,000	£17,209
50 pupils	£161.50	£18.95	£180.45	£1,000	£36,007
100 pupils	£323.00	£18.95	£341.95	£1,000	£67,338

**Where applicable, rates will be multiplied by an area cost adjustment (ACA) multiplier, according to their geographical location.*

Frequently asked questions

Q: How much is my school likely to receive?

A: From the start-up grant and daily payment combined, you will receive £4,676 in FY 26-27 regardless of how many pupils attend the free breakfast club. On top of that, you will receive £3.23 per pupil per day that attends. You can use this [ready reckoner](#) to estimate how much your school will receive.

The daily guaranteed rate will be paid in a lump sum each term. The per pupil rate will be paid in-arrears the following term.

Q: How will you calculate the per pupil based payments?

A: Payments will be calculated based on the average number of pupils attending your free breakfast club. You will be asked to report this average to the Department once a term.

Q: What are the conditions of funding?

A: In exchange for funding, you must follow the grant conditions [here](#).