



Linking Local Authorities, Early Education Providers and Parents online

Sentinel's on-line Early Years solution enables local authorities to manage funding more efficiently and cost-effectively. It also provides a one-stop shop for parents applying for nursery places and funding.

Providing a flexible and secure three-way Portal link between parents, local authorities and individual early education providers, our intelligent software application ensures pre-school children's details can be supplied quickly and easily.

It also enables parents to search for local nursery places, receive immediate feedback on availability and finalise the Parent Contract, as well as confirming their children's eligibility for Nursery Education Funding from the Government.

The software integrates and shares information with any existing system and can be tailored to meet a local authority's specific requirements. Benefits include:

- ▶ **Online collection** for children's data, supported by **real-time eligibility status** confirmation
- ▶ **In-build process management** of the parent and provider relationship and the signing of the Parent Contract
- ▶ **Quick calculation of funding payments** based on actual information and managed via parameter-driven processes that you can control and adjust
- ▶ **Full integration with your finance system** providing the ability to send payments and accounts statements securely via each provider's individual portal
- ▶ **Comprehensive data collection** including all **Sufficiency Data** in line with DfE guidelines
- ▶ **Integrated annual processes** to collect, validate and submit **Early Years Census** to DfE
- ▶ **Easily extended to enable wider data sharing with other teams** such as safeguarding
- ▶ **Automated notification** of duplicate children and data anomalies, plus easy identification of new children

Clients include Birmingham City Council which uses the solution to manage termly funding for around 16,000 children in more than 700 registered childcare locations.

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