

School Forum – October 2016

Early years block update

Currently the Early years block changes are being consulted on, and stakeholders had until the 22nd September to make their comments on the adjustments.

Briefly

- The new proposals for EY will be implemented in September 2017
- The 2017-18 budget will be 5/12th old system and 7/12th of the new EY formula if applicable.
- The national average rate will move from £4.56 to £4.88 for 3 to 4 year olds and from £5.09 to £5.39 for 2 year olds.
- The new formula (proposal) intends to give an additional 15 hour free for working parents, I think the combined income needs to be less than £100k?.
- The protection is that no LA will lose more than 10% once the EYNFF is fully operational. Which translates that LA could lose up to 10% of its funding in 2019-20 when the EYNFF needs to be fully implemented. Currently for 3-4 year olds the estimate is £10.318m (excluding working parents) so the reduction in the funding could be over £1m.
- Year on year losses will be protected by the use of transitional arrangements which will ensure that there is no more than a 5% reduction. For Slough this is approximately £0.5m.
- LA needs to passport at least 93% of the funding in 17-18 and at least 95% in 18-19.
- All providers in 2019-20 will be on the same universal base rate. LAs are likely to challenge this i.e. Education versus Childminding.
- LA can use supplement to increase funding to providers using criterion like deprivation, flexibility etc, which will be capped at 10% of the hourly funding rate.
- Additional funding has been set aside from 2017-18 for Maintained Nurseries for 2 years to keep the transition to universal rate manageable.
- There will be new Disability Access Fund and Local Inclusion Funds for children with Special Needs.
- The Early Years pupil premium will continue.

For further information please see the link:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/early-years-funding/eynff>

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