

**SLOUGH SCHOOLS' FORUM**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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**Implementation of the Early Years National Funding Formula from April 2017**  
**(Directorate of Children Learning and Skills)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT – For information**

- 1.1 This report informs the Schools Forum regarding the process to formally consult all early years providers on the options reviewed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> February Early Years Task Group for implementing the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF).

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Following consultation with the Schools Forum (SF) the council implemented in April the hourly rates for 2 year olds and 3 and 4 year under the EYNFF and recommends that SF notes the agreed rates.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The DfE requires an annual consultation between the Local Authority and the SF on the early year's budget funded from the EYDSG. The Local Authority is complying with its statutory obligation to consult with the Schools Forum.

**4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Following national consultation the DfE confirmed the structure of the EYSFF in December 2016. All councils had to move to full implementation by April 2019 reflecting a universal base rate to be paid to all providers. In addition minimum central retentions of the EY DSG block were set at 7% for 2017-18 and 5% for 2018-19.
- 4.2 Consultation with SF and EY providers on the options reviewed by the Task Group was conducted by email during February with the preferred options reflected in Table 1 below.

**Table 1:2017-18 Hourly Funding Rates**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Maintained Nursery School</b>	<b>Primary School</b>	<b>PVI</b>
Base Rate £ per hour	5.20	4.58	5.20
Maintained Nursery School Supplement - Fixed Cost	2.77		
Total funding per hour	7.97	4.58	5.20
Average	7.85	4.27	5.00
Variance from average current allocation	0.12	0.31	0.20
MNS supplement - Additional directed funding	£1.131m		

The following supplements may also apply:

	<b>Hourly rates</b>
Deprivation	£0.47
EYPP	£0.53
Flexibility	£0.20 (PVI's only)

## **5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The council in consultation with the EY sector must move to a universal base rate for all 3 and 4 year old providers by the 2019-20 financial year. The required pass through rate to providers increases from 93% to 95% from 2018-19. All EY providers were consulted early in 2017 on a range of options for both 2 and 3 and 4 year old funding in light of the government proposals.

### *Disability Access Fund*

- 5.3 From April 2017 the government introduced a new targeted early years Disability Access Fund (DAF) paying providers an annual fixed lump sum payment of £615 per eligible three and four year old in a free entitlement place for. The purpose of the fund is to support providers to make initial reasonable adjustments, build on the capacity of their setting to support disabled children and aid access to places. Children will be eligible for the DAF if they meet the following criteria:

- The child is in receipt of child disability living allowance and;
- The child receives free early learning.

### *Maintained Nursery Schools*

- 5.3 The MNS sector has been protected through additional funding guaranteed last December by the DfE 'for the duration of this parliament'. Following the outcome of the June election it is to be hoped there will be confirmation of the continuation of this funding to maintain the short term sustainability of the MNS EY sector.

### *Early Years Inclusion Fund*

The inclusion fund is for all providers with 3 & 4 year olds including schools and PVI's for children with emerging low level SEN. They do not need to be working towards an EHCP plan. The idea of the fund is to support inclusion which may minimize/remove the need to progress to an EHCP in the future.

The revised EY provider agreement with parents to be introduced from the Autumn term includes guidance on how to apply for this funding including eligibility criteria.

## **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Monitoring Officer

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of this report.

Section 151 Officer – Strategic Director of Resources

6.2 The financial implications of the report are outlined in the supporting information.

Access Implications

6.3 There are no access implications.

**7 CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable.

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable.

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