

8 March 2018

Item 3

TITLE OF REPORT: Early Years Funding 2018/19

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to bring to Schools Forum the results of the Early Years Funding modelling for 2018/19.

Background

The basis for the 3 and 4 year old funding formula for 2018/19 has not changed from 2017/18 and uses the same allocation of funding for the three elements as 2017/18: -

- 90% of available funding allocated via the universal base rate
- 5% of available funding allocated via the quality supplement
- 5% of available funding allocated via deprivation supplement

There is no proposed change to the universal base rate of £3.849. However, due to data changes for quality and deprivation, in order to allocate 5% of funding to these areas there is a slight amendment to the rates.

For 2017/18 the rates were: -

- Quality Supplement £0.496 – per quality weighted hour
- Deprivation Supplement £0.0053 –per deprivation weighted hour

The new rates are: -

- Quality Supplement £0.5538 – per quality weighted hour
- Deprivation Supplement £0.0056 –per deprivation weighted hour

The flat funding rate for 2 year olds is £5.20 per child attendance hour and with not change from 201718.

Following the requirements to pass through at least 95% of funding to providers, 5% of the estimated funding has been top sliced and will be used to fund the Early Years team (who calculate and distribute funding) leaving an estimated £90,232 for the Early Years Inclusion Fund.

The increase in the estimated value of the inclusion fund is due to the estimated increase in funding following the implementation of the extended hours.

Proposal

It is proposed that Schools Forum approves the new funding rates for the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) and note that there is no change to the funding rate for deprived two-year olds.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Schools Forum note the proposed EYSFF factor values and note the two-year-old funding rate.

For the following reasons:

- To comply with the Early Years National Funding Formula Operational Guidance
- To comply with DfE timescales
- To comply with Schools and Early Years (England) Regulations 2018
- To enable early years budgets to be set for 2018/19

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