

Rotherham Schools' Forum Brief – Friday 9th December 2016

Approval to increase the budget centrally retained from the Early Years Block in 2016/17

In April 2016 Schools Forum approved an increase to the central retention bringing it up to £150k to fund staffing within the Early Years and Childcare Service. This covers a proportion of the costs of the staff that manage and support the early education processes.

Central retention of Early Years Block is an allowable expenditure and currently a number of authorities within the Yorkshire and Humber region retain significantly larger amounts of the Early Years Block to fund central functions.

It is proposed to increase the centrally retained proportion up to a maximum of 5% in 2016/17. This will be funded in the first instance from any surpluses within the Early Year Block. In the event that there is no surplus available, it is proposed to accelerate funding from the centrally retained funds available from 2017/18 (7% in 2017/18 and 5% in 2018/19 and future years).