

Schools Forum Briefing

1.	Date of meeting:	22nd November 2019
2.	Title:	Mid-year Early Years Block Update & 2020/21 Funding announcement
3.	Directorate:	CYPS

1. Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a mid-year update on the Early Years Block spend and update on the recent funding announcement for 2020/21.
- 1.4 The Department for Education (DfE) budget allocation for the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant (EY DSG) for 2019/20 is detailed below. This will provide the funding for early education places in schools and other early years providers. This budget will be adjusted retrospectively in 2020/21 based on January 2020 census returns.

2019/20 Early Years Block Allocation	
3&4 Year old Funding (15 hours funding)	9,697,998
30 Hours Entitlement Funding	3,501,281
Early Years Pupil Premium	214,409
2 Year Early Education	285,8126
Nursery Stability Funding for maintained Nursery Schools	980,814
Early Years Disability Access Fund	8,3640
Total Early Years Block	17,336,268

- 1.5 The budget spend is currently on target with £11.7m allocated to date for the Summer / Autumn terms.
- 1.6 Final budget adjustments for 2018/19, taking into account numbers of children accessing their entitlement in January 2020 led to a retrospective budget adjustment of £598k. £200k of this budget has been allocated to a contingency budget with the remaining balance allocated to the funding of the Inclusion Support Grant for 2019/20.
- 1.7 2020/21 Rates

The DfE have announced the early years national funding formula rates for 2020/21. See below details and comparison with 2019/20

	2019/20 DfE Rates	2020/21 DfE Rates
3 / 4 year old hourly rate	£4.30	£4.38
2 year old hourly rate	£5.20	£5.28
Early Years Pupil Premium	53p	53p
Disability Access Fund	£615	£615
Nursery Stability Funding	£980,814 split equally between 3 nursery schools	Rate to be maintained at 2019/20 rate

A report will be taken to the Directorate Leadership team before the end of the Autumn term and the Early Education Working Group with proposals for the local single funding formula for 2020/21. A further report will be provided to the Schools Forum in early 2020.

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