

Item 9 - Early Years 2021-22 Funding Consultation – Response summary

Question	Response Y	Response N	Recommendation
1 SEN Inclusion Fund - Do you agree that we should provide an SEN Inclusion Fund at the level as set out in the consultation paper to support pupils with SEND?	7	0	Continue with SEN Inclusion Fund
Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As long as children with severe need with undiagnosed conditions can access the funding fairly. • The fund only covers 3s and 4s . In the future some consideration could be given to 2 year olds who are increasingly coming into nursery with high levels of need 			
2 Central Retention - Do you have any comments about central retention?			To continue with the current rate of Central Retention
Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be at the same rate as in previous years. • No. Levels are appropriate. • It helps to fund the EY Inclusion team and gives lee-way. • No • Funding should be available for central retention. • Provides a good service, which supports schools and nurseries so essential. This year the team have been particularly supportive in many roles from providing excellent resources for staff working from home to updates, advice and encouragement. • The EY team should be reasonably well resourced so to provide strategic and operational leadership and management of the system. 			
3 Central Retention - Do you have any comments about retaining 2.75% contingency for demographic growth and supporting any claw back of EY funding from the DfE due to a reduced January 2021 headcount as a result of the pandemic?			To continue with the 2.75% contingency
Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be transparency regarding how this amount is allocated to providers. • We should retain contingency. • Head counts will be lower however, we would be concerned if there was nothing in the LA purse for serious need which may be unforeseen need. • Agreed. • In the current climate there is no choice, like everyone the borough faces so many unknowns and a constant stream of changing sometimes unhelpful and contradictory instruction form central government. • It would be wise to have some contingency money during this difficult time. 			
4 SEND Funding in the High Needs Block - Do you have any comments about SEND funding for early years in the High Needs block?			
Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important the council allocates enough money for SEND. 			

- The funding has not increased for some years. The maintained nursery schools have to have a qualified teacher as SENCO which is costly
- The council should also extend their support to small community nurseries with children with severe and complex needs that are not categorised in the High Needs Block.
- No change from current- fine.
- I would ask the provision is fairly distributed.
- it is needed

5	Disapplication Proposals - Do you agree that funding for 2 year olds should better reflect the staffing ratios required?	7	0	Agree to proceed with disapplication request to DfE re maintaining the two year old rate
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Comments:

- This should be fair and balances out for us but for those schools/CC without toddlers may not agree.
- it would reflect a more closer cost of providing childcare for the age group.
- Better way to reflect the cost of providing childcare for the age group.

6	3 and 4 Year Old EYNFF - Do you agree with the supplementary funding factors as prescribed above are used in the formula?	7	0	Continue with the supplementary factors in the EYNFF
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Comments:

- As it is all around deprivation- that is most important
- Provider input can offer information about family circumstance or other critical factors which help direct funding in order to be proactive and prevent escalation of difficulties which may require more expensive intervention at a later stage

7	3 and 4 Year Old EYNFF - Do you agree we should continue to use EYPP as the measure of deprivation?	7	0	Continue using EYPP as the measure of deprivation within EYNFF
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Comments:

- because of the families that use it
- Not aware of any other option
- Yes, until we get a better way of measuring deprivation.

8	2 Year Old EYSFF - Do you agree that we continue to use a quality factor in the 2 year old funding formula for nursery schools, primary schools, children's centres and PVI settings?	7	0	Continue with using a quality factor within 2 year old funding formula
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Comments:

- We must ensure a proper qualified person leads.
- Absolutely quality counts

9	2 Year Old EYSFF - Do you agree that we continue to use a small setting factor in the funding formula for childminders?	7	0	Continue with using a small setting factor within 2 year old funding formula, for childminders
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10	2 Year Old EYSFF - Do you agree with protecting the 2 year old funding rate to providers during 2021-22?	7	0	Agree to proceed with disapplication request to DfE re maintaining the two year old rate
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Comments:

- because of the current pandemic there are low intake at settings

11	Given all the information above, will you continue to provide funded early education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds (as appropriate to your setting) at the proposed rates set out in the consultation paper?	7	0	Use the 2, 3&4 year old funding rates included in the consultation for 2021-22 funding allocations
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Comments:

- We will continue our current provision 3-4 year olds.
- More money always welcome!

12	Please provide below any additional comments you may have on our proposals?			
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Comments:

- We would like to know how many EYPR places are taken up across the borough.
- Please be mindful of transition of N children into R with very high needs where an EHCP is not in place. This is often the most challenging aspect of managing SEN provision and we have to constantly spend money we don't have, sometimes for children from other settings.
- This has been an exceptionally difficult year not least for the young children in our care. Primary school nurseries may benefit from the recovery funds provided but it is disappointing to find that no government recovery funding has been allocated to the early years. The borough is doing the best possible to mitigate this in very difficult times