

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

SCHOOLS' FORUM 19 JANUARY 2015

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF RESOURCES

EARLY YEARS FUNDING 2015-16

This report concerns the Indicative Early Years Funding available for Early Year Providers in 2015-16.

FOR DECISION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Schools' Forum (October 2014) received a report on changes being made to the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014 to be effective from January 2015.
- 1.2 The two principle changes were in relation to moving 2015-16 funding for 2 year olds to a participation basis, and the introduction of an Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) from 1st April 2015.
- 1.3 The Education Funding Agency (EFA) published on 17th December information concerning the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and Local Authority Allocations for 2015-16. The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014 were passed in Parliament on 22nd December and are effective from January 12th 2015.

2. EARLY YEARS BLOCK ALLOCATIONS 2015-16

- 2.1 The draft Early Years Block Dedicated Schools Grant allocations issued are cashed limited to the same 3 and 4 year old unit of funding (EYBUF) as 2014-15. The DFE estimates published below relate to the final January 2014 numbers.

Table 1 – Early Years Block Allocations 2015-16

	2015-16 3 & 4 year old unit of funding (£)	2015-16 3 & 4 year old pupil numbers (FTE)	2015-16 3 & 4 year old funding (£million)
LBHF	6,285.70	1,799	11.308

- 2.2 DFE have confirmed that all local authorities DSG allocations for Early Years Block Funding will be based upon 5/12ths of the final January 2015 census numbers, and 7/12ths of the final January 2016 census numbers.
- 2.3 Please note that the any changes in January 2015 MFE pupil numbers will have an impact on DSG in Early Years for each provider.
- 2.4 It is proposed to create a contingency fund for Early Years to support any structural change and payment for premises adjustments (as there is no capital funding for this element available for DSG).
- 2.5 Early Years Pupil Premium has been confirmed at 53p per hour (£302.10) and the EFA estimates are shown in Table 3 together with the EFA estimate of Early Years 3 and 4 year old funding.

Table 2 – Early Years Block Allocations 2015-16

	2015-16 Early Years Pupil Premium estimate (£million)	2015-16 3 & 4 year old funding EYSFF (£million)	2015-16 3 & 4 year old funding Total (£million)
LBHF	0.268	11.308	11.576

- 2.6 A change to the regulations is that the management of the Early Years Pupil Premium where the child has is looked after or has previously been looked after but subject to orders (adoption, special guardianship, child arrangements is the responsibility of the Local Authorities virtual Headteacher). In these cases the relevant educational needs are as described in their personal educational plans and within paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England Regulations 2010), S.I. 2010/959. The rates for a 3 year old are, in these cases, £302.10.

- 2.7 The December settlement information provided no further detail to the movement to participation for 2 year old funding announced previously (and confirmed Tri-Borough) at £6.07 per hour.

Table 3 – 2 Year Old Participation Estimates 2015-16

	2015-16 2 year old Estimates EFA November 2014 (£million)	2015-16 2 year old participation LA estimates (£million)	2015-16 2 year old funding estimate adjustments to funding 14-15 (£million)
LBHF	1.527	1.659	0.132

- 2.8 Whilst there is a cautious assessment on the overall DSG settlement, there is a need to consider using unspent DSG 14-15, particularly on 2yo.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Schools' Forum is asked to approve;

- (a) Setting up a contingency fund for costs associated for reorganising Early Years provision.

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Background papers:

EFA Dedicated School Grant (DSG) 2015 to 2016
School and Early Years Budget (England) Regulations 2014

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