

DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

21st November 2019

ITEM NO 4

EARLY YEARS FUNDING 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Forum regarding the 2020/21 Early Years Funding Arrangements

Funding 2020/21

2. The Department for Education (DfE) published the hourly funding rates for 2 year old and 3 & 4 year old early years entitlement for 2020/21 on 31st October. These rates are the amount the Local Authority will receive from the DfE to fund their own local formula in 2020/21.
3. For Darlington the 2 year old funded rate in 2020/21 will be £5.28 per an hour. This is an increase of £0.08 on the 2019/20 rate of £5.20.
4. For Darlington the 3 and 4 year old funded rate in 2020/21 will be £4.52 per an hour. This is an increase of £0.08 on the 2019/20 rate of £4.44.
5. It should be noted that the hourly rates received by the Local Authority have to cover all early years costs, for example deprivation funding, inclusion etc. therefore the rate received is not always the rate paid to providers.
6. No information has been received regarding the Early Years Pupil Premium rate or the funding for the Disability Access Fund.
7. The DfE have also confirmed that the supplementary funding for Maintained Nursery Schools will be continued in 2020/21.

Local Formula 2020/21

8. Following the announcement of funding for 2020/21, the Local Authority will pass through the increases in funding for both 2 year old and 3 & 4 year old funding, therefore the provisional rates for 2020/21 will be set as follows,
 - 2 year old funding £5.28 per hour for all providers, an increase of 8 pence per hour.
 - 3 & 4 year old funding £4.23 per hour for all providers, an increase of 8 pence per hour.

9. Deprivation funding will remain unchanged.
10. Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding will remain unchanged, pending confirmation of funding from the DfE.

Recommendations

11. That Forum notes the early years funding allocations for 2020/21.
12. That Forum note the proposal to pass through additional funding received for 2 year old and 3 &4 year old hourly rates.

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