

DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

29th April 2014

ITEM NO 7

EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

Purpose of Report

To increase PVI hourly rate for the delivery of Funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year old children.

'Early Years education and care play major roles in laying the foundation for children's future life prospects . . .well qualified teams of early years practitioners are more effective in developing children's communication, language and literacy, reasoning, thinking and mathematical skills'

Ofsted, 2013

In response to forums requests that a further breakdown of costs should be provided, three private nurseries, all with a good or better OFSTED rating, created a working party to provide accurate and robust costings for funded children.

The budgets were based on the presumption that 16 children attended on a morning and 16 children attended on an afternoon. Costs have been divided into six areas Personnel costs, Utilities, Office, Educational Supplies, Professional Fees/Insurances and Premises. Costs were apportioned to the 16 places and there was no budget allocation for additional needs. Further breakdown of the figures can be discussed at forum if required.

The evidence provided shows a that a 3 & 4 year old placed should be funded at a rate of £4.98 and a 2 year old funded place should be funded at £ 7.50.

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