

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

SCHOOLS' FORUM 13th NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT BY THE LEAD STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER CHILDREN'S SERVICES

EARLY YEARS SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT (EYSG)

This report provides information on the Early Years Supplementary Grant from September 2023 to March 2024.

FOR INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In July, the DfE published information about the £204 million additional Early Years funding for local authorities through the Early Years Supplementary Grant (EYSG), to enable them to uplift the funding rates for their childcare providers from September 2023 to March 2024 for delivering the existing early years entitlements. These include:
- 15 hours universal entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds
 - 15 hours additional entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds of working parents
 - 15 hours entitlement for disadvantaged 2-year-olds
 - Maintained nursery schools supplementary funding
 - Early years pupil premium
 - Disability access fund

2 FUNDING RATES FOR PROVIDERS

- 2.1 This one-off funding will be payable from September 2023 to March 2024 and, as directed by the DfE, the local authority will pass on the EYSG in full to early years providers for each of the existing early years funding streams (as described above) for the 7-month period from September 2023 to March 2024.
- 2.2 From April 2024, the EYSG will be rolled into the EY DSG and will therefore be subject to any allowable retention when calculating the pass-through rate, in line with DfE guidance. This means there is a possibility that the combined hourly rates from September 2023 to March 2024 may be higher than the new rates from April 2024. The rates for the new financial year have not yet been announced by the DfE.
- 2.3 The initial funding for the EYSG was received at the end of September 2023 and was based on January 2023 census data. The DfE will make a final adjustment to the EYSG allocation in summer 2024 using January 2024 census data. Any

fluctuations in hours resulting in funding implications will need to be managed within the EY block.

2.4 The EYSG will be distributed as a separate grant and the supplementary payments will be showed as separate lines in remittance advices sent to schools for each element they receive.

2.5 The 2023-24 Early Years funding rates are as follows:

Westminster	EYNFF Apr 23 - Mar 24	EY WCC RATE Apr 23 - Mar 24	EYSG Sept 23 - Mar 24	Combined Rate Sept 23 - Mar 24
Universal Entitlement (3/4YO) - 15hrs	£8.09	£7.00	£0.08	£7.08
Working Family Entitlement (3/4YO) - 30hrs	£8.09	£7.00	£0.08	£7.08
Disadvantaged 2YO Entitlement - 15hrs	£7.56	£7.56	£3.55	£11.11
Early Years Pupil Premium (3/4YO)	£0.62	£0.62	£0.04	£0.66
Disability Access Fund (3/4YO)	£828.00	£828.00	£30.92	£858.92
Deprivation (10% of provider hourly rate)	N/A	£0.70	N/A	£0.70

2.6 Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) in WCC will not receive any supplementary funding due their DSG allocation being on a maximum capped rate.

2.7 Disability Access Fund - additional equivalent yearly funding of £53 per eligible to be paid based on DAF eligibility. The actual EYSG payable rate for September 2023 to March 2024 period for DAF is £30.92 (equivalent to £53 multiplied by seven twelfths).

2.8 There is no additional grant to support deprivation or SEN inclusion funding.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 Schools' Forum are asked to note:

3.1.1 the rates for the Early Years Supplementary Grant from September 2023 to March 2024, detailed in section 2.

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Background Papers:

Guidance for local authorities on the early years supplementary grant for 2023 to 2024: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-supplementary-grant-2023-to-2024>