

Appendix 1

DSG - Early Years Funding 2023/24 and 2024/25

DSG – Early Years Block	Provisional	Provisional	Annual Change	%
	2023-24	2024-25		
	£000's	£000's	£000's	
2-year olds Entitlement	2,323	9,140	6,817	293%
3-year olds Entitlement	18,462	21,229	2,767	15%
Under 2 year olds	0	4,141	4,141	
Pupil Premium	190	330	140	74%
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	118	215	97	82%
Total Early Years (DfE estimated)	21,093	35,054	13,961	66.2%

Early Years Single Funding Formula 2023/24

- On 21 February 2023, Council approved the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) for 2023/24.
- In addition to the early years block funding, the 2023/24 budgeted surplus from the schools block of £0.185 million was used to support the early years formula. Schools Forum required this one-off funding to specifically support early years children with SEND and this was allocated to continue the Tier 1 SEND funding for providers that due to the growing demand would otherwise have been unaffordable within the early years funding envelope. In finalising the DSG for 2022/23 in July 2023, to reflect the outcome of the January 2023 early years census, £0.35 million was received ahead of expectations for that year with the schools block funding no longer needed.
- On 7 July 2023 the DfE announced the early years supplementary grant (EYSG) which must be passed on in full to early years providers over the seven months from September to March 2024 as follows:
 - £1.92 per hour for funded 2-year-olds
 - £0.48 per hour for funded 3- and 4-year-olds
 - £0.04 per hour for early years pupil premium (EYPP) which is outside the EYSFF.
 - £53 for disability access fund (DAF) also outside the EYSFF
- The EYSG is separate to the funding provided through the early years block of the DSG for the existing entitlements in 2023/24 but has been subsumed into the funding rates for 2024/25. To ensure that payments could be made promptly from September 2023, the DfE did not require consultation with Schools Forum.
- The EYSG is not included in the DSG funding table above for 2023/24 although it has been subsumed into the funding rates for 2024/25. The % funding increases shown for the existing entitlements in the table were therefore partly delivered from September 2023/24.

6. The table below provides details of the 2023/24 funding rates for the EYSFF, including that provided through the EYSG, from September 2023:

EYSFF 2023/24

2023/24 funding rates for eligible 2-year-olds			
	EYSFF	EYSG	Total Rate
Base rate	£5.57	£1.92	£7.49
Funding in addition to the hourly rate			
SEND Tier 1	£2.00	£0.00	£2.00
SEND Tier 2	£6.63	£0.00	£6.30
2023/24 funding rates for eligible 3 & 4-year-olds			
	EYSFF	EYSG	Total Rate
Base rate	£4.49	£0.48	£4.97
Funding in addition to the hourly rate			
Deprivation Supplement	£0.33	£0.00	£0.33
EYPP	£0.62	£0.04	£0.66
SEND Tier 1	£2.00	£0.00	£2.00
SEND Tier 2	£6.63	£0.00	£6.30
DAF- one off payment per year	£828	£53.00	£881