

# Agenda Item 11

**TITLE** 2020/21 Early Years Block Update

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY** Schools Forum on 18 December 2019

**WARD** (All Wards);

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## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

That there will be sufficient funding to provide Early Years provision for 2 year old and 3 & 4 year old children that require places in settings supported by the authority .

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Schools Forum notes the recent announcements made in respect of funding early year's provision for 2020/21.

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The report summarises the announcements in respect of funding for 2020/21 and identifies the timescale for providing budget allocations for 2020/21.

## 2020/21 Early Years Budget December 2019

### .01 Purpose of the Report

This report provides the Schools Forum with details of the 2020/21 funding announcements made by The Education and Skills Funding Agency in Advance of the DSG Settlement in December 2019.

### .02 Recommendations

The Schools Forum is requested to note the announcements already made by the Funding Agency.

### .03 Background

Following the Chancellors announcement that the Government intends to spend a further £66m of investment in the Early Years as part of the spending review the Funding Agency have confirmed that for the vast majority of settings funding rates for 2020/21 will be increased by 8 pence per hour.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October the Funding Agency provided details of the funding rates for 2020/21 for Wokingham as follows

Hourly Funding Rates	2019/20	2020/21
2 year old funding rates	£5.74	£5.82
3 & 4 year old funding rates	£4.97	£5.05

For the early years block allocations, the national funding rate for the early years pupil premium will be 53 pence per eligible child per hour and the Disability Access Fund is £615 per eligible child per year.

Whilst a technical note for 2020/21 has been issued the early years Operational Guide will be published later in the year.

The 2020/21 initial funding allocations for all the free early education entitlements will be published in December 2019 in the Dedicated Schools Grant allocations.

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