

<b>Committee:</b>	Schools Forum
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5 October 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Rate Rises
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<b>Decision making / consultative / information:</b>	Information
<b>Who can vote?</b>	N/A

### Main body of the Report

Following the last Forum meeting the DfE issued revised funding rates for implementation in September 2023. The uplift has been issued as a one-off additional grant and therefore did not need forums agreement to implement. At the last forum meeting the principle of passing the maximum through to the sector was agreed. As of the autumn term 2023 this is what has been put in place:

The hourly rates for all funded offers have increased. This means that from September 2023:

- The hourly rate for 2-year-olds increased by £1.87 pence an hour from £5.74 to £7.61
- The hourly rate for 3 & 4 year-olds increased by 35 pence an hour from £4.60 to £4.95

Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund and High Needs funding for eligible children is in addition to the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF).

- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) increased by 4 pence from 62 pence to 66 pence
- Disability Access Fund (DAF) increased from £828 to £881, however, we currently pay £1,000 per annum per eligible child so there was no change.

Later in the autumn term the DfE will advise LA's of the funding rates to be implemented from April 2023. I will bring a paper to the forum as soon as possible to seek approval for any changes.