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Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 16 October 2025

Report Title: Early Years Block 2024-25 final outturn and 2025-26 opening update.

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Purpose:

1. To update Schools' Forum of the final Early Years Block position for 2024/25
2. To update Schools' Forum of the opening Early Years Block published allocations for 2025/26
3. To update Schools' Forum of the Early Years Block reserves position

Recommendations:

- 1) To note the final Early Years Block outturn for 2024/25
- 2) To note the Early Years Block reserves
- 3) To note the Early Years Block latest published allocations for 2025/26

1.0 Early Years Block

1.1 The Department for Education (DfE) provides local authorities with early years funding streams which together form the early years block of the dedicated schools grant (DSG). They are:

- Funding for the 15 hours universal entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds
- Funding for the additional 15 hours for eligible working parents of 3- and 4-year-olds
- Funding for the 15 hours for 2-year-olds of families receiving additional support
- Funding for the 15 hours or 30 hours for eligible working parents of 2-year-olds
- Funding for the 15 hours or 30 hours for eligible working parents of 9-month-old up to 2-year-old children
- Funding for the early years pupil premium (EYPP) for 3 and 4-year-olds, 2-year-olds and under 2s
- Funding for the disability access fund (DAF) for 3 and 4-year-olds, 2-year-olds and under 2s
- Supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools (MNS)

2.0 Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant Allocations 2024/25

2.1. Table A below sets out Haringey's EY DSG allocations for 2024/2025

Table A – EY DSG Funding Allocations 24/25	December 2023	July 2024	November 2024	March 2025	July 2025
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Universal entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds	13,401	12,909	12,909	12,909	12,924
Additional 15 hrs for 3 & 4 year old working parents	4,757	4,636	4,636	4,636	4,772
2 year old disadvantaged entitlement	3,745	3,777	3,777	3,777	3,343
2 year old entitlement for working parents	4,349	4,349	3,836	3,911	4,003
Under 2s entitlement	3,556	3,556	3,556	3,825	3,890
Early years pupil Premium for 3 & 4 year olds	254	224	224	224	234
Early years pupil premium for 2 year olds	149	149	94	115	105
Early years pupil premium for under 2s	9	9	9	2	2
Disability access Fund for 3 & 4 year olds	94	94	94	94	94
Disability access fund for 2 year olds	30	30	30	30	30
Disability access fund for under 2s	11	11	11	11	11
Maintained nursery school supplementary funding	1,591	1,423	1,423	1,423	1,380
Total	31,948	31,167	30,599	30,957	30,791

- 2.2. The Early Years 2024/2025 DSG allocations are driven by pupil census numbers from the Early Years census, Schools census and termly data counts
- 2.3. The 2024/25 allocations were **indicative** and the Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) have updated these allocations at specific points within the financial year 2024/25.

The 3-and-4 year-old funding allocations and the 2 year old families receiving additional support funding allocations were updated in:

- July 2024 based on January 2024 PTE census numbers.
- July 2025 based on five-twelfths of the January 2024 PTE census numbers (to cover the April 2024 to August 2024 period), and seven-twelfths of the January 2025 PTE census numbers (to cover the September 2024 to March 2025 period).

The final allocations for each of these funding streams are based on (five-twelfths January 2024 PTE census numbers) + (seven-twelfths January 2025 PTE census numbers)

The funding allocations for 2-year-old working parents and EYPP for 2-year-olds were updated in:

- November 2024 - the indicative funding allocations for the financial year 2024 to 2025 (published in December 2023) were updated and based fully on the summer 2024 term PTE numbers
- March 2025 - these allocations were updated to reflect the adjustment for the autumn 2024 term. The March adjustment were based on twelve-thirty-eighths of the summer 2024 term PTE numbers (to cover the April 2024 to August 2024 period) and twenty-six-thirty-eighths of the autumn 2024 term PTE numbers (to cover the September 2024 to March 2025 period)
- July 2025 - the final funding allocations were updated to reflect the adjustment for the January 2025 census

The funding allocations for under 2's working parents and EYPP for under 2's were updated in:

- March 2025 - the indicative funding allocations for the financial year 2024 to 2025 (published in December 2023) were updated and based fully on the autumn 2024 term PTE numbers
- July 2025 - the final funding allocations were updated to reflect the adjustment for the January 2025 census

- 2.4. The final July 2025 EY DSG allocation confirms a £166k clawback and Table B below illustrates the impact of this clawback on the EY block

Table B – EY Reserve position as at 31/03/2025	Closing balance before clawback (£)	ESFA Clawback July 2025 (£)	Final Closing Balance (£)
Early Years Block	1,735,154	166,000	1,569,154
Anchor Project & Early Years Conference			232,000

- 2.5 The decision to allocate further reserves will be discussed and agreed in future early years working group meetings.

3.0 Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant allocations 2025/26

- 3.1 Table C below sets out Haringey's EY DSG allocation based on July 2025 update from the EFSA

Table C – EY DSG Funding Allocations 25/26	December 2024	July 2025
	£'000s	£'000s
Universal entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds	13,281	13,308
Additional 15 hrs for 3 & 4 year old working parents	4,770	5,010
2 year old disadvantaged entitlement	3,923	3,150
2 year old entitlement for working parents	6,183	6,183
Under 2s entitlement	9,284	9,284
Early years pupil Premium for 3 & 4 year olds	328	356
Early years pupil premium for 2 year olds	138	138
Early years pupil premium for under 2s	12	12
Disability access Fund for 3 & 4 year olds	106	106
Disability access fund for 2 year olds	39	39
Disability access fund for under 2s	6	6
Maintained nursery school supplementary funding	1,447	1,373
Total	39,522	38,970

- 3.2 The Early Years DSG 2025/2026 allocations are driven by pupil census numbers from the Early Years census, Schools census and termly data counts
- 3.3 Future Early Years DSG allocations will be updated by the ESFA in November 2025, March 2026 and the final allocation for the year will be confirmed in July 2026

<u>Recommendation/decision</u>
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(3) To note the Early Years Block latest published allocations for 2025/26