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Dear Colleague

Please find a copy of our consultation document on the distribution and allocation of free full time nursery places, attached.

Within Haringey we have had an allocation of 675 funded full time places in maintained schools across the borough. However it is no longer clear what the reasons for some schools having places and others not has been or what eligibility criteria have been applied.

With the introduction of the 15 hour free entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds to early education it was decided that there should be a review of the allocation and distribution of the funded full time places.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that every child whose parents want it should be able to access a 15 hour free entitlement early education place. These are provided across the maintained and private, voluntary and independent sector in nursery classes, schools, private and independent schools and playgroups.

The Local Authority is presently funded by the government to provide 90% of 3 year old children with a 15 hour free entitlement place. However, currently within Haringey, we have take up of only 77%. The excess funding has been used to support the full time places in school nursery classes.

We are required and expect to improve take up of these places year on year until we reach 90%. As this happens we need to release funding from other

areas of the Schools Budget and propose that this comes from the non-statutory provision of full-time nursery places.

We are now asking for your opinion about our proposal which is contained within the attached consultation document on

- Principles for access and equity for the 15 hour free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds
- The re-distribution of remaining full time funded places.

Please read the proposal and policy statement and then answer the questions returning the questionnaire to us by 9th January 2012.

With many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. E. Cooke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'C'.

Ros Cooke
Head of Early Years