

Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum 30 January 2018
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Item 8: Dedicated Schools Grant – Early Years Block 2018/19 Update

1. Introduction

1.1 To update Schools Forum on the new indicative figures for Early Years Block 2018/19.

2. Background

2.1 The ESFA published updated Early Years figures late December 2017. This report highlights the changes between the Early Years report submitted to Forum on the 8th December 2017 and the new allocation.

3. 2018/19 Block Funding

3.1 The table below shows the changes between the original indicative allocation reported to Schools Forum and the revised indicative allocation.

Early Years Block	Rate	Original 2018/19 Indicative Funding	Revised 2018/19 Indicative Funding	Difference
3/4 Year Old Funding	£4.49 per hour	4,398,413	4,613,587	215,174
DLA Funding	£615 per pupil	24,600	22,755	(1,845)
Pupil Premium	£302.10 per pupil	119,330	119,330	0
3/4 Funding		4,542,343	4,755,672	213,329
2 Year Old Funding	£5.20 per pupil	1,390,116	1,390,116	0
Total Early Years Block		5,932,459	6,145,788	213,329

3.2 The increase of £0.215m relates to the estimated uptake of the 30 hour per week offer for three and four year old funding. The October 2017 census recorded 297 children accessing the offer. The LA had applied a prudent estimate in relation to the uptake for 2018/19 of 320 children, however, the ESFA have forecast 404. Any difference between the forecast of 404 children and the census counts in January 2018 and January 2019 will be adjusted accordingly by the ESFA.

3.3 The second element is a reduction in DAF funding of £1,845 as the total number of eligible children has reduced from 40 to 37.

3.4 The table below shows the updated allocation for the three and four year old funding.

Proposed three & four year old formula	Hourly Rate (£)	% Allocated	Original Total Funding (£)	Revised Total Funding (£)
DFE allocation	4.49	100%	4,398,413	4,613,587
Allocation of funding for the Formula:				
Base Rate	4.09	91%	4,006,145	4,214,838
Supplements	0.13	2.90%	127,348	133,828
Contingency - place funding	0.02	0.43%	20,000	20,000
SEN Inclusion Fund	0.03	0.5%	25,000	25,000
Pass- through rate to providers	4.27	95%	4,178,493	4,393,666
Centrally retained funding	0.22	4.8%	219,921	219,921
Total	4.49	100%	4,398,414	4,613,587

3.5 The changes do not affect the hourly rate or the level of centrally retained funding.

4. Recommendations

a) To note the amendment to the Early Years Funding Allocation.