



LONDON BOROUGH OF
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Harrow Early Years Funding Formulae Response 2025-26

**People Services, Children's Services
February 2025**

Consultation

Harrow Council consulted with Early Years providers regarding the proposed funding rates for Early Years entitlements in 2025-26

The consultation opened on Monday 15 January 2025 and closed on Friday 31 January 2025.

There were 25 responses to the consultation. These are set out in the following tables

Total Responses

Provider Type	Number of Responses
Schools	4
PVI	15
Childminder	6
Total	25

Question 1:

Do you support the EYSFF funding structure for 3 and 4 year old universal and additional entitlements as set above for 2025-26?

Provider Type	YES	NO	Comments
Schools	2	2	<i>I feel the supplements should not be halved as this is a way of settings who are more proactive and flexible in delivering quality childcare and funding streams can remain viable this would have a big impact on our budget.</i> <i>We feel that 3 & 4 year old pupils are not receiving a proportionate increase in relation to the 2 year old and 9 months entitlement</i>
PVI	13	2	<i>This will reduce the support we use to receive via supplements</i> <i>The 3- 4 yo rates remains low compared to the cost of delivery. Perhaps LA can consider reducing retention or top-slice from this category as additional source of funding can be obtained from the lower age groups</i> <i>Great to see funding increased.</i>
Childminder	6	0	
Total	21	4	

Question 2:

Do you support the EYSFF funding structure for both the 2 year old disadvantaged and the working parents' entitlements as set above for 2025-26?

Provider Type	YES	NO	Comments
Schools	3	1	<i>Breakdown in supplements being reduced will have a big impact on offering more 2 year old places being viable</i>
PVI	14	1	<i>This will reduce the support we use to receive via supplements</i>
Childminder	6	0	
Total	23	2	

Question 3:

Do you support the EYSFF funding structure for 9 month olds up to 2 year olds for the new working parent entitlement as set above for 2025-26?

Provider Type	YES	NO	Comments
Schools	4	0	
PVI	14	1	<i>This will reduce the support we use to receive via supplements</i> <i>It is nice to see there is no SEN top slice on this funding, as very few SEN children in this age group</i>
Childminder	6	0	
Total	24	1	

Outcome of Consultation

The majority of the responses to the consultation were in favour of the proposals for all three early years entitlements. Therefore, the funding formulae for 2025-26 will proceed as proposed. For clarity, these are set out in detail later in this document.

The comments received were considered but did not materially impact on the formula, therefore, did not require any changes to the recommendations, however, a review will be undertaken for 2026-27 and will identify and propose changes where appropriate.

EARLY YEARS FUNDING FORMULAE FOR 2025-26

	Payment Type	9 months - 2 year old funding (Working parent entitlements – from September 2024)	2 year old funding (Disadvantaged and working parent)	Universal 3 and 4 year old funding	Extended 3 and 4 year old funding
	Base Rate	£12.62	£8.64	£5.92	£5.92
Supplements	Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index	N/A	£0.07	£0.07	£0.07
	Flexibility	N/A	£0.13	£0.13	£0.13
	Quality	N/A	£0.13	£0.13	£0.13
EYPP	Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	£1.00 for criterion A £3.48 for criterion B/C	£1.00 for criterion A £3.48 for criterion B/C	£1.00 for criterion A £3.48 for criterion B/C	N/A
SEND	Disability Access Fund (DAF)	One-off lump sum of £938.00 - Only applicable to children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. Funding can only be claimed once per four school terms.			N/A

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF)

There will be a SENIF for each of the early years' entitlements. For children aged 9 months to 23 months of working parents, the underspend from 2024-25 for children with SEND in this age group will be carried over into the next financial year. This age group is unlikely to have a significant cohort with SEND.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

The DAF was introduced to support disabled children's access to the entitlement. A child will be eligible for the DAF if:

- The child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), **and**

The child receives one of the following:

- The universal 15 hours entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for disadvantaged 2 year olds, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for children aged 2 years of working parents, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for children aged 9 months to 23 month olds of working parents.

Children do not have to take up the full 570 hours of early education in order to be entitled to the DAF.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

For 2025-26, the EYPP continues for all funding entitlements, whereby a child meets the relevant eligibility criteria. EYPP is only paid for the 15 hours entitlements.

A child will be eligible for EYPP if the child receives either:

- The universal 15 hours entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for disadvantaged 2 year olds, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for children aged 2 years of working parents, or
- The 15 hours entitlement for children aged 9 months to 23 month olds of working parents.

The financial assessment criteria for eligibility remains unchanged.

Children looked after, adopted or in care: EYPP 2 gives providers additional funding to support those children who are looked after, adopted or in care.