**Appendix 8**

**Addendum to Schools Forum consultation 2023/24**

Within the published requirements, LAs are expected to agree a methodology for the distribution of the TPPG, within the EYSFF. In 22/23 the distribution has been via a separate grant based on school places/numbers from January census for universal 3 and 4 year old places and 2 year old places.

Within the current EYSFF requirements the formula factors apply to both the universal and extended hours but they will now apply to the distribution of the TPPG via the new formula factor as well. To note: the new TPPG is based on all places, both universal and extended, across all the sector for 3 and 4 year olds only

The DfE recommended route for the distribution of the TPPG is via what is called the ‘Quality Supplement’. The purpose of the Quality Supplement is to reward settings who promote workforce qualifications or provide systems leadership. In the past Merton has not distributed funding via the Quality Supplement, following consultation with schools and settings.

**With the TPPG becoming a new factor this year, in Merton we are now proposing:**

* **to distribute the TPPG via the Quality Supplement for schools and settings where there are staff employed on teachers’ pay and conditions;**
* **to distribute via an hourly rate based on pupil numbers and hours attended, in accordance with the supplement requirements within the formula; and**
* **to apply an hourly rate for settings that employ teachers on teachers' pay and conditions**

In recognition of the fact that teachers are qualified early years professionals and evidentially have knowledge, skills and experience to support systems development, and in line with the expectations associated with the Quality Supplement, we would also expect schools and settings in receipt of the TPPG to fully engage with the development and delivery of ordinarily available provision.

The TPPG will apply for funded 3 and 4 year old places only.

The current grant distributed to schools with pupils aged 2 - 4 in 2022/2023 was £119,841 based on pupil numbers of 1896

The national allocation for TPPG is estimated at £409,790 based on numbers across the whole sector (4229.07) and not just schools.

The proposed new formula allocation for 2023/2024 is £212,586 based on numbers of 2332, and means that no setting will see a reduction in the TPPG overall

Our proposal means that £212,586 (77% increase) will be distributed via the formula to settings with staff on Teacher’s pay and pension conditions, and the remaining £197,204 to be included in the overall base rate for all settings.

Information from DFE:

Operational Guidance Updates:

* Encourages LAs to consider the purpose for which the grants were originally introduced when designing the approach. They could continue to target the funding to take account of additional pressures that some providers might face, from, for example, the need to pay employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme.
* As with all other supplements, it is for LAs may choose different approaches to implementing the change locally depending on their provider make up and local circumstances. This could include: utilising the quality supplement by for example, using the number of qualified staff in settings as a proxy for additional pay and pension costs
* Putting TPPG funding through the base rate and structuring it to all providers.

**Gathering views**

In accordance with the proposal above please use the space below to share your views around our proposed methodology for distribution for the TPPG.