Early Years DSG Funding Formula Consultation for Financial year 24/25.

Response form

Please provide your feedback with regards to Merton's consultation on the 2024/25 Early Years funding formula. Please complete this form and return to ey.funding@merton/gov.uk by 1 February 2024

Details of the proposals can be found in the Early Years Funding Formula 2024/25 consultation document; you will need to read this document to before answering the questions below.

Consultation questions

1. Merton's approach to the Early years funding formula-The principles

Question 1. Do you agree to the following principles Merton proposes to use in setting the local funding formula? (tick one response for each principle) Further details found on section 6 of the consultation document

	Principles	Yes	No	Don't know
İ	To pass through 95% of the each of the early education and childcare entitlement funding stream (i) Expanded entitlements from 9-month to 2 years; (ii) existing and expanded entitlement for 2-year-olds and (iii) Universal and extended 3&4year olds, to childcare providers and schools.			
ii	To apply a single base rate for each age-related entitlement funding formulas to simplify the distribution of funding and market management.			
iii	To limit the number of supplements used in LBM's funding formula to ensure maximise the base rate for all providers to support high quality ordinarily available provision.			
iv	To apply a deprivation supplement that supports a narrowing of the gap at the end of the EYFS and is aligned to EYPP eligibility			
V	To create a SENIF for each age range as part of the 95% pass through, to be administered via an application process.			
vi	To create a contingency fund for each of the entitlements from the 95% pass through rates to manage the fluctuation in participation throughout the			

	year, supporting any additional growth in demand for SENIF or Deprivation. Any underspend will be distributed fairly based on participation levels at the end of the year where appropriate.		
∨ii	To retain 5% of each of the early education and childcare entitlement funding streams for statutory administration, management and support services.		

2. Merton proposed Early Years Funding formulas 24/25

Under 2's proposed funding formula

The proposed funding formula for under 2's is shown in the table below

Single base rate	Deprivation	Quality	EAL	Sparsity
Included	Included	Not included	Not included	Not included

Question 2 Do you agree with the proposed funding formula for Under2's? (tick one)

Yes	No	Don't know	

2-year-olds proposed funding formula

The proposed funding formula for 2-year-olds is shown in the table below

Single base rate	Deprivation	Quality	EAL	Sparsity
Included	Included	Not included	Not included	Not included

Question 3. Do you agree with the proposed funding formula for 2-year-olds? (tick one)

Yes	No	Don't know	

3&4-year-olds Proposed funding formula

The proposed funding formula for 3 & 4-year-olds is shown in the table below

Single base rate	Deprivation	Quality	EAL	Sparsity
Included	Included	Included	Not included	Not included

Question 4	1. Do you agre	e with the	proposed fund	ing formu	ıla for 3&4-year-olds? (tick one)
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Question 9. Please provide any further comments and feedback on the consultation document that you'd like Merton council to know	

Please return your completed form to ey.funding@merton/gov.uk by 1 February 2024 Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.