

# EYSFF Consultation Feedback 2021 – 2022

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## Summary

There were 21 responses received: 13 from Merton schools, 7 from Merton PVI providers and one from a childminder. Feedback from the responses is provided below

### Funding formula for 3 and 4-year-olds

Merton Council is proposing no change to the existing EYSFF. Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes	No	Don't know	No answer
19	2	0	0

Comments (2):

- *Please consider inflation. Funding that we get for 3 and 4 year olds didn't change for the last few years however the cost of running business went up. (childminder)*
- *It does not cover costs. (PVI)*

### Funding formula for 2-year-olds

Merton Council intends to continue to use the funding allocation for 2-year-olds solely for this purpose and not move any funding between 2 year old and 3 and 4-year-old allocations.

Comments (2):

- *Please consider inflation. Funding that we get for 3 and 4 year olds didn't change for the last few years however the cost of running business went up. (childminder)*
- *We agree with Merton's intention. (PVI)*

### SEND Inclusion Fund (SENDIF)

It is proposed that the value of the SENDIF continues to be based on the factors as described in the document on paragraph 4.3.6. Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes	No	Don't know	No answer
18	2	1	0

## Comments (2)

- *Please consider inflation and costs of running business are higher than in previous years. (childminder)*
- *I agree it is important to set aside some funding for children with SEN who are not likely to receive an EHCP. (school)*

## Contingency

Merton Council continues to propose a contingency as part of the high pass through rate, which is allocated at the end of the year. Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes	No	Don't know	No answer
18	0	3	0

## Early Years retained items

Merton Council intends to retain 5% of the total budget to fund key statutory duties (administration, information, securing training for staff in the sector) support and advice to the sector, focussing on support to weaker settings and settings working with children with additional needs/SEND.

## Comments (7)

- We value the support from our Inclusion officer. (PVI)
- This sounds reasonable. (PVI)
- 5% seems high to use as 'low' users of this support. (school)
- We agree with Merton's intention. (school)
- We agree with this as Merton can then help out where necessary. (PVI)
- It would be good to have feedback evaluating the effectiveness of the retained funds in supporting weaker setting and additional needs / SEND. (school)
- I agree that funds should be retained for the Early Years block. (school)