

Ealing Council Consultation on Early Years Funding Arrangements for 2025-2026

Local authorities are required to consult with Early Years providers on annual changes to their local formula, which are then agreed with our School Forum.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views, comments and where applicable, preferred options from key partners and stakeholders on arrangements of the Early Years block funding arrangements for 2025-26.

- To seek views/comments on the proposed Early Years funding rates and proposals for supplementary funding for 2025/26.
- To seek views/comments on the Early Years central spend – proposal to increase to support new entitlements.
- To seek views/comments on the Early Years Inclusion fund – proposal to increase to support new entitlements.

Please provide feedback to us via the online survey below or via the written attached form and email to; children@ealing.gov.uk.

NB: We recommend reading the **Ealing Council Consultation on Early Years Funding Arrangements for 2025-2026** before answering the survey questions.

The consultation will close on **10th January 2025**.

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1. Name of the person completing this form: *

2. Name of organisation: *

3. Email address: *

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4. Do you agree with the principles below? *

Ealing's local formula proposes;

For the 3-4 Year Old offer To allocate the full 10% allowance to supplement funding. To continue with the mandatory deprivation supplement at 5% of the allocation. To continue with a quality supplement at 5% of the allocation.

For the 2 Year Old Offer To continue with a 5% deprivation supplement for the disadvantaged 2 year old offer.

Yes

No

5. If you do not agree with these principles, what options would you suggest? *

6. Any further comments?

7. **Do you support the proposal to retain 4% for the Early Years Centrally retained for all entitlements? ***

PROS

Funds the delivery of central services to support providers

Local authority services funded from Central Spend support providers with meeting their statutory duties

Reduces pressure on Providers to find funding to pay for services provided by the Local Authority

The local authority will be able to extend their support for the additional entitlements and support providers with offering new entitlements

CONS

Reduces amount passed through to providers

Yes

No

8. If you do not support the arrangements, what changes do you suggest? *

9. Any further comments?

10. **Do you agree with the proposal of allocating a 6.19% of the EY block to an inclusion fund? ***

PROS

Continues to offer support to children with Special Educational Needs at same financial level despite increased % of needs being identified

Supports children from an early age by identifying needs early

Ensure an equitable offer across all Early Years entitlements

CONS

Reduces the funding allocated to the base rate

Yes

No

11. If you do not support these arrangements, what changes do you suggest? *

12. Any further comments?

13. ***Do you agree with the proposal of changing the payment cycle to bring the payment release date a week forward within each month, and a shorter submission window? ****

PROS

Payments are released a week earlier

Supports cashflow and planning

Ensure an equitable offer across all Early Years entitlements

CONS

Shorter submission window for providers

Yes

No

14. Any further comments?

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