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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

The following papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting.

These were not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

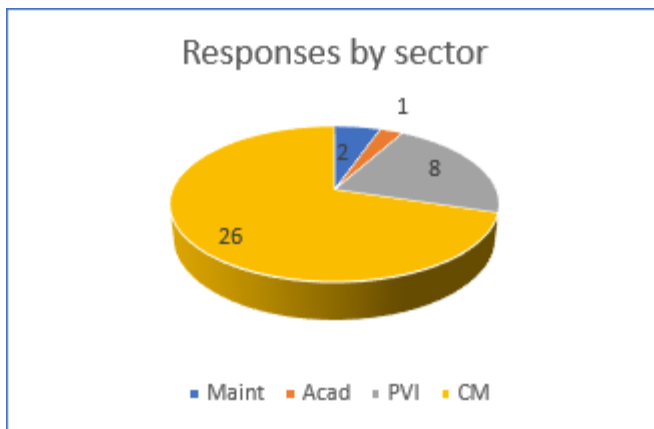
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Summary of responses to the Early Years Entitlement Consultation 2024

Responses receive by provider type



1. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the IDACI element of the deprivation supplement from April 2025, and retain the EYPP element as the sole eligibility criterion for the deprivation supplement?

	Yes	No
Maintained	2	0
Academy	0	1
PVI	7	1
CM	23	1
Total	32	3

2. Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the funding rate for the Deprivation Supplement from April 2025?

	Yes	No
Maintained	2	0
Academy	0	1
PVI	7	1
CM	19	6
Total	28	8

3. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a new deprivation supplement for targeted 2-year-olds from April 2025?

	Yes	No
Maintained	2	0
Academy	1	0
PVI	7	1
CM	23	2
Total	33	3

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4. Do you agree with the proposal to reallocate unspent funding from removing the IDACI element and reducing the hourly funding rate for the EYPP element to the new deprivation supplement for Targeted 2-year-olds and the base rates?

	Yes	No
Maintained	2	0
Academy	0	1
PVI	7	1
CM	20	5
Total	29	7

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the proposals for changes to the deprivation supplement?

The deprivation supplement should be done on a case by case basis. We currently have funded children entitled to deprivation supplement due to the postcode they live in and not based on the household income.

A change is very much needed as the previous formulas were not calculated on current children in the setting nor took into account children living in private rented accommodation.

the proposed way forward seems to indicate less complexity and ambiguity, whilst directing more to the most needed (eg targeted 2yr olds)

5. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the quality supplement from April 2025?

	Yes	No
Maint	1	1
Acad	0	1
PVI	4	4
CM	22	4
Total	27	10

6. Do you agree with the proposal to reallocate funding currently assigned to the quality supplement to the base rate?

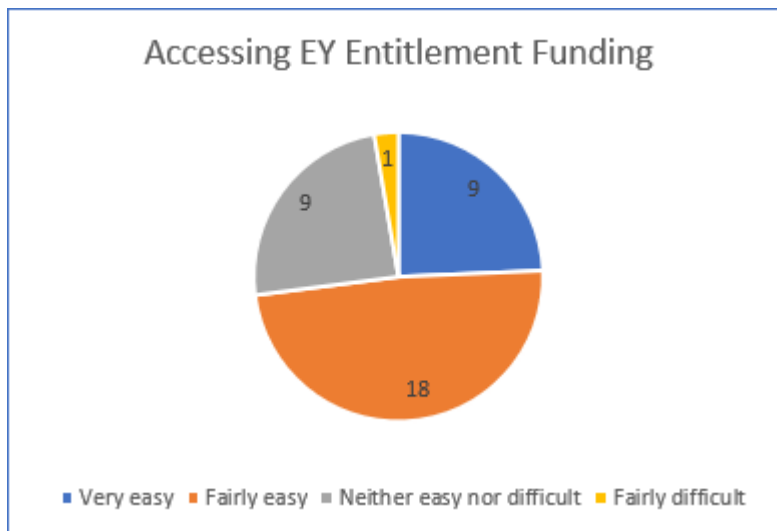
	Yes	No
Maint	1	1
Acad	1	0
PVI	4	4
CM	22	4
Total	28	9

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding proposals for changes to the Quality supplement?

As I am doing a qualification that at some point will be on the list with the DOE it's frustrating. I've had to fight hard for childminders to get this recognised for us
I don't feel there should be any additional supplements as the funding rates are already more than sufficient.
We have worked hard for years to support staff through their studies/degrees and to increase quality outcomes for children to now potentially receive no financial award for this. As much as I understand the reasons behind this proposal and I have no better ideas on how to monitor if staff are leading the EYFS and how much time they are spending with the children, I feel my settings would be financially worse off. We have a level 6 at each setting. Our development officers visit us once a term, would they be able to confirm on their visit reports on this?
as the manager hands on all the time and a QTS and a EYPS being the lead here for a large amount of years its one of the only extras we get
I feel that the inability of the DfE to maintain a complete and fair list of qualifications, plus a challenge on the verification of evidence against a self-declaration is perhaps not a proper basis for removing the quality supplement, which is there to support the presence of a higher qualified leader. This would seem to disincentivise the pursuit of excellence by leaders in EY settings to the possible detriment of sustainable and quality provision of Early Years qualifications and standards maintained
Qualified teachers should continue to be funded at a higher rate due to expertise & higher cost
This is fine for us as a setting at the moment. However, we feel this does not give any incentive to progress in their passionate careers.

7. How easy do you find the process for claiming funding?



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If you answered, 'fairly difficult' or 'very difficult', please tell us why:

Claiming funding has (thus far) been very easy - the support from BFC has been incredible and I have received support both via email and telephone call, which is very reassuring when I was entering it for the first time. I have only got as far as enquiring, entering headcount and inputting my actuals but assume the rest will be as straightforward!

It's a lot of paperwork, emails, request for my time outside of working hours, filling out consultation emails or questionnaires. Not difficult just time consuming.

8. How could Bracknell Forest Council improve the process for claiming funding?

A breakdown on the admittance advice showing each child and the amounts for that child clearly

A better website that doesn't make you change your password every five minutes and constantly block you out and say your password is wrong when it is not. We then have to wait for a weekday for someone to be in the office to reset the password.

No complaints or room for improvement from me, it has been very easy this far!

I am not sure if this can be achieved, but it would be very helpful if the settings could get an estimate how much they will get paid as they are inputting hours into the funding portal.

Nothing, it works well!

reminder would help that are seen via a email and not in the system ie to see the reminder without having to log on fully to the system which i can not always do at work and therefor have missed deadlines

I think the training and the manual were really helpful. The team are also really helpful if i ever have questions and reply to my emails by either phone or email really quickly. Thank you