

2021-2022 Early Education and Childcare Service update

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I will be updating you all on the:

- Autumn Funding 2020
- Update North and West Early Years Single National Funding Formula for 2021-22
- Next Step March School Forum

Update- Autumn Funding

- 331 (46%) settings were positively impacted totalling £1.2m
- 304 (42%) settings were negatively impacted totalling £1.7m
- 87 (12%) settings were at zero impact
- As previously stated we have always wanted to protect the base rate for the 2021-2022 financial year and work is underway to support this endeavour
- Borough and District analysis has been undertaken, including impact on setting type in order to inform the decision making process
- The Local Authority is currently looking at how it can support those settings who have been negatively impacted

DSG December 2020 Settlement Announcement

- The Spending Review 2020 document said that the Government will invest '£44 million in funding for early years education in 2021-22 to increase the hourly rate paid to childcare providers for the government's free hours offers'
- On 18th of December 2020, the DfE announced the base funding rate for Local Authorities for 2021-2022. There will be an increase of 8p in the base rate for 2 Year old entitlement and 6p for Universal and Extended entitlements across both North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire.
- DSG Allocated Budget North £22,140,202
- DSG Allocated Budget West £25,599,940

Next Steps- School Forum March 2021

Proposed North and West EEC Expenditure Budget Position 2021-22 will be worked through now and details of payment structures and overall budget positions will be presented at the March Schools Forum.

The intention is to protect the base rate if at all possible.

This work will be informed using the revised census information to ensure that we use the most up to date information regarding activity in the sector, given the COVID impact.