

Early Years Outturn Funding 2022/23

Key Messages

Forum members are asked to **note** that:

1. The net £1,047k 2022/2023 positive outturn will be distributed in line with the process agreed at the September 2023 Schools Forum meeting.
2. The £183.2k Disability Access Funding (DAF) from the 2022/23 outturn will be distributed in line with the process agreed at the September 2022 Schools Forum meeting.

1. Early Years Positive Outturn 2022-2023

- 1.1. As reported in July 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) confirmed the 2022/23 financial year outturn and Sheffield has a gross positive variance of £1.2m of early years funding. This is due to the differences in how the DfE provides funding to local authorities and the national requirements in funding for individual providers.

2022/23 Early Years Outturn Statement	£'000
3- & 4-year-old Funded Early Learning (FEL)	1,034
2-year-old FEL	12
Net FEL outturn	1,047
Disability Access Funding (protected)	183
Gross FEL Outturn	1,230

- 1.2. The net positive variance is split across the two age ranges in the early years sector and is made up of £1,034k for 3&4-year-old Funded Early Learning funding (FEL) with a variance of £12.6k for the 2-year-old FEL sector.
- 1.3. There is a net positive variance of £183k for the DAF that is protected funding.

2. Method of Distribution – Net Positive Outturn

- 2.1. The net positive outturn of £1,047k was distributed to all 3&4-year-old providers on 16 January 2024 in the Spring Forecast Headcount task in line with the agreed policy decision made by the Schools Forum in

September 2023.

- 2.2. The funding was paid in a timely manner in response to feedback previously received by the early years sector.
- 2.3. Funding was allocated to all current providers (schools/PVIs and childminders) using their FEL hours paid in the 2022/23 financial year.
- 2.4. There was a minimum payment of £250 paid to all eligible providers.

3. Method of Distribution - DAF

- 3.1. The net disability access funding of £183k was distributed to all 3&4-year-old providers on 17 November 2023 in the Autumn Actual Headcount task in line with the agreed policy decision made by the Schools Forum in September 2022.
- 3.2. The funding was paid in a timely manner in response to feedback previously received by the early years sector.
- 3.3. Funding was allocated to all current providers (schools/PVIs and childminders) using their FEL hours paid in the 2022/23 financial year.
- 3.4. There was a minimum payment of £250 paid to all eligible providers.

4. Recommendations

Forum members are asked to **note**:

1. That the 2022/23 positive outturn of £1,047k was paid to Sheffield early years providers in Spring 2024 in line with the process agreed in the September 2023 School Forum meeting.
2. That the £183k DAF balances, from the 2022/23 outturn, were distributed in line with the process agreed in the September 2022 Schools Forum Meeting.