

Report for Schools Forum

Funding of Early Years Provision

1. Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to update the Schools Forum on Early Years issues.

2. Background

- Schools Forum has previously received reports on the new requirements on the funding of Early Years provision that will require a common funding formula for all providers.
- The sub-group of the Schools Forum, that was established to review early years funding, has set the dates of its first two meetings.

3. Primary Capital Programme

- The Primary Capital Programme is a 15 year project during which time the Government will make available capital sums to rebuild approximately 15% of Walsall Primary/ Primary Special Schools and to refurbish 35%.
- A requirement of receiving the Capital Funding is that a Strategy for Primary Education be produced. This will include a review of the pattern of provision of Early Years Education in the Borough.

4. Recommendation

- The Schools Forum is recommended to request that feedback from the Early Years sub-group and information on the Primary Capital Programme review of primary/ early years provision.