

Members of the School Forum are requested to receive this report for information

EARLY YEARS FUNDING REVIEW

Members of the Schools Forum are asked to note the establishment of an early years funding review sub group to consider and develop funding strategies associated with the implementation of the early years funding reforms, including the extension of free early years learning and child care from 12.5 hours per week for 38 weeks to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks by September 2010; increased the flexibility of the free offer across providers; the application of a consistent pupil count and development of a single local funding formula across maintained and the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sectors by April 2010.

The group will constitute:

Dawn Morris	Education Walsall School Finance Unit
Jan Hosking	Education Walsall School Improvement Adviser
Lianne Smith	Education Walsall Strategic Leader Early Years
Jenny Mander	Education Walsall Planning & Research Manager – Early Years
Sue Machin	Head teacher King Charles Primary
Gary Thornton	Head teacher Delves Infant
Elaine Stringer	Head teacher Fullbrook Nursery School & School Forum
Rhoda Poyser	Rep. Early Years Development Partnership & School Forum
Kim Delaney	White Rabbits Private Nursery
2 nd Representative	PVI sector – to be confirmed

It is anticipated that the group will first meet in the spring term 2008.

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