

MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND INFANT SCHOOLS WITH LOWERED AGE RANGES – DE-DELEGATION

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CHIEF OFFICER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that DEF:

- a) That DEF agrees to the de-delegation within the Maintained Primary and Infant Schools set out in the proposal from 2022/23 and review annually as per other phases.

Vote: Maintained Primary representatives.

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2013/14 the following services were delegated but were able to be de-delegated from the primary and/or secondary maintained schools subject to Schools Forum decision by the representatives in each sector:
 - Contingency (including schools in financial difficulties)
 - Behaviour support services
 - Support to under-performing ethnic groups and bilingual learners
 - Maternity, trade unions and public duties
 - Copyrights
- 1.2. De-delegation is not an option for academies, specials schools or PRU's. Where de-delegation has been agreed for maintained primary and secondary schools, it is the Department's presumption that the local authority will offer the service on a buy-back basis to those schools and academies in their area which are not covered by the de-delegation.
- 1.3. In the case of special schools and PRU's, the funding for such services will be included in the top-up. Academies will continue to receive a share of funding for these services in their delegated budget.
- 1.4. The only funding currently available to a nursery in financial difficulty is sustainability grant of up to £2,000 from the Early Years Team and cannot be used for redundancies.

2. Proposal

- 2.1. There are currently 50 maintained schools that have lowered their age range over the years to add a nursery class or a Foundation Stage Unit (FSU).
- 2.2. Where maintained schools have lowered their age range, they have to date, not paid into the de-delegated funds or pooled funding for those pupils attending the nursery.
- 2.3. The Authority has been approached by maintained primary schools applying to FIPS to request that they have the opportunity to buy into the contingency fund, to recognise the early years provision being covered should they find themselves in financial difficulties.
- 2.4. The Head of Service has agreed to review the process where Maintained Primary Schools have lowered their age range to enter the schemes from 2022/23. Any previous funding pressures within the schools should not be recompensed from the various funding streams prior to 1 April 2022.

- 2.5. Maintained Schools already purchase all de-delegation costs and as such nursery provisions will only need to buy into Contingency and Maternity. These will be additional costs the current de-delegation charges for those settings with nursery places.
- 2.6. The schools will de-delegate / pool funding using the primary school de-delegation rates for the year and will be calculated using the previous year's actual pupils FTE. (this number of pupils is used for the SEN funding basis) and 1 FTE is equivalent to 570 hours (15 hours x 38 weeks).

2020/21 figure for explanation

- 2.7. Due to the disruption of COVID-19 during 21/22 we have used the stable funding calculation from 2020/21, which uses the 2019/20 actual total hours (Terms of Summer 2019, Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020) 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.
- 2.8. The hours below are based on actual take up of the funded hours plus any paid for hours. However, the paid for hours are only entered once on headcount, so for this purpose we have assumed that the paid for hours will be taken up for the entire term.

Example calculation:

School A has 19,950 pupil hours or 35 FTE (19,950 / 570)

	Rate £	£
Contingency	23.92	837.20
Maternity	21.44	750.40
		1,587.60

These values will be revised for 2022/23 once actual 2021/22 pupil data has been received.

3. Current funds

- 3.1. The current level of funding within contingency and maternity are sufficient to support the additional demands that may arise from the inclusion of the Primary and Infant schools with lowered age ranges.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. That DEF agrees to the de-delegation within the Maintained Primary and Infant Schools set out in the proposal from 2022/23 and review annually as per other phases.

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Maintained Schools with Nursery Classes	2019-20 FTEs	Contingency Cost £	Maternity Cost £	Total Cost £
Appledore School	43.5	1,041	933	1,974
Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School	14.2	341	304	645
Bishops Nympton Primary School	13	312	279	591
Bradley Barton Primary School and Nursery Unit	52.7	1,260	1,130	2,390
Brampford Speke Church Of England Primary School	7.6	181	163	344
Branscombe Church Of England Primary School	1.8	43	39	82
Buckland Brewer Primary School	8.3	197	178	375
Caen Community Primary School	41.2	985	883	1,868
Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School	11.4	273	244	518
Chittlehampton Church Of England Primary School	1	23	21	44
Clyst Heath Nursery and Community Primary School	43	1,029	922	1,951
Countess Wear Community School	62	1,484	1,329	2,813
Decoy Primary School	58.3	1,394	1,250	2,644
East Anstey Primary School	5.3	127	114	241
East-The-Water Community Primary School	53.1	1,270	1,138	2,409
Exeter Road Community Primary School	44.8	1,072	961	2,032
Farway Church Of England Primary School	6.8	161	146	307
Filleigh Community Primary School	1.5	35	32	67
Great Torrington Bluecoat Church Of England Primary School	57.8	1,382	1,239	2,621
Haytor View Community Primary School	19.6	468	420	888
Heathcoat Primary School	49	1,172	1,051	2,223
Highweek Community Primary and Nursery School	42.6	1,018	913	1,931
Holsworthy Church Of England Primary School	42.7	1,021	915	1,936
Honiton Primary School	42.4	1,014	909	1,923
Horwood And Newton Tracey Community Primary School	11.7	279	251	530
Ilfracombe Infant And Nursery School	43.4	1,038	930	1,969
Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School	83.1	1,988	1,782	3,770
Langtree Community School and Nursery Unit	16	384	343	727
Littleham Church of England Primary School	30.5	731	654	1,384
Marpool Primary School	56.6	1,354	1,214	2,567
Montgomery Primary School	47.6	1,138	1,021	2,159
Newton St Cyres Primary School	24	574	515	1,089
Parkham Primary School	7.9	188	169	358
Spreyton School	3.4	80	73	153
St George's Church of England (VA) Infant and Nursery School	31.4	751	673	1,424
St Martin's CofE Primary & Nursery School	52.3	1,250	1,121	2,371
St Michael's Church of England Primary School	41.7	997	894	1,891
St Peter's Church of England Primary School	37.7	902	808	1,710
St Sidwell's Church of England Primary School	43.2	1,034	926	1,960
Stoke Hill Infants and Nursery School	45.8	1,095	982	2,077
Tavistock Community Primary & Nursery School	56.7	1,357	1,216	2,572
The Topsham School	35.6	851	763	1,615
Trinity Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary and Nursery School	56.1	1,342	1,203	2,545
Two Moors Primary School	40.3	964	864	1,828
West Croft School	112.7	2,696	2,416	5,112
West Down School	20.4	487	437	924
Willowbrook School	44.1	1,054	946	1,999
Winkleigh Primary School	41	980	879	1,859
Wolborough Church Of England (Aided) Nursery and Primary School	28.4	679	609	1,288
Woodbury Salterton Church Of England Primary School	6.9	164	148	312
Total	1,742	41,660	37,348	79,008