







Appendix 1 - Early Years finance review – survey results



Schools results

Which type of provider are you?				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Academy		10.34%	9
2	Childminder		0.00%	0
3	Day nursery		0.00%	0
4	Maintained Nursery Class		52.87%	46
5	Maintained Nursery School		35.63%	31
6	Nursery Units of Independent Schools		0.00%	0
7	Pre-School Playgroup		0.00%	0
8	Special School		1.15%	1



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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		89.66%	78
2	No		10.34%	9




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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		94.25%	82
2	No		5.75%	5



Budget share, when calculating the monthly instalments it is proposed to apply the same £5.05 rate to be applied all schemes (two year olds, three to four year olds and 30 hours free childcare). This is to ensure that it is clear the budget share funding can be used for any child. Then when you submit your funding return, if you have had any children receiving two year old free early education, you would get paid the extra amount of hourly funding (set at £5.30, so the additional 25p). Do you agree with this change?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		86.05%	74
2	No		13.95%	12



PVI results

Which type of provider are you?				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Academy		0.00%	0
2	Childminder		0.00%	0
3	Day nursery		27.12%	32
4	Maintained Nursery Class		0.00%	0
5	Maintained Nursery School		0.00%	0
6	Nursery Units of Independent Schools		1.69%	2
7	Pre-School Playgroup		71.19%	84
8	Special School		0.00%	0



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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		83.05%	98
2	No		16.95%	20

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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		88.14%	104
2	No		11.86%	14

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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		79.66%	94
2	No		20.34%	24

Childminder results



Which type of provider are you?						Response Percent	Response Total
1	Academy					0.00%	0
2	Childminder					100.00%	254
3	Day nursery					0.00%	0
4	Maintained Nursery Class					0.00%	0
5	Maintained Nursery School					0.00%	0
6	Nursery Units of Independent Schools					0.00%	0
7	Pre-School Playgroup					0.00%	0
8	Special School					0.00%	0
Analysis	Mean:	2	Std. Deviation:	0	Satisfaction Rate:	14.29	answered 254
	Variance:	0	Std. Error:	0			skipped 0

Given the large fluctuation in numbers of children between funding periods for childminders, it is proposed to remove all childminders from the current monthly budget share. This would mean no monthly payments and that the full funding for each funding period would be made no later than the end of the 6th week of each funding period (Summer would be 6 weeks due to Easter – other periods would be no more than 5 weeks)



			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Agree - remove childminders from budget share (i.e. no monthly instalments)		65.35%	166
2	Do not agree - Childminders to continue to receive the monthly instalments		34.65%	88

Of those who did not agree to removing monthly budget share the following questions were also asked the same as to schools and PVI.



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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		67.57%	50
2	No		32.43%	24

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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		92.75%	64
2	No		7.25%	5

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			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		92.54%	62
2	No		7.46%	5