

Dear Colleague,

Further to our letter of 10 February 2011, regarding the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula. Please find attached details of your NEF rate to be paid from the commencement of the Summer Term 2011, along with your indicative budget projections for the next three terms.

Our previous letter explained about how the new formula has been developed using a base rate for all, with additional supplements for levels of quality and, depending on which area of the county your setting is in, for deprivation.

As this letter will be going to all settings, whether you are receiving an increment, staying the same, or indeed receiving less this year than previously, I would like to re-emphasise that Leicestershire has tried to ensure the formula is as equitable as it can be, whilst acknowledging the additional costs for providing a higher quality service.

It is acknowledged that some settings who are not in a ward that attracts a higher supplement for deprivation may feel it is unfair. I can only stress again that this is a mandatory supplement and that we have followed the coalition government's agenda in supporting deprivation in order to raise outcomes for Leicestershire's disadvantaged children.

A combination of data sources has been used to arrive at your quality supplement and, as previously stated, if you feel an error has been made in what is recorded, please do not hesitate to contact this office on 0116 305 6581. You should do this prior to 11 April 2011, and will be asked to submit written evidence to substantiate your claim. Any adjustments to rates will be reflected in your initial payment due on the 6 May 2011.

Our Business Development Advisors will be available to support you should you have any issues surrounding the sustainability of your setting. Please do not hesitate to contact them on 0116 305 5829 for advice and guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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