



EY and Childcare Provider Bulletin: Business & Funding Focus - 19 January 2026

Funding Formula Consultation

Dear provider,

In December 2025, the Department for Education confirmed local authorities hourly funding rates for financial year 2026/27.

Each LA must determine their own funding formulae and consult with its Schools Forum group and early years providers before the rates for the financial year are set. Gloucestershire's Schools Forum agreed with the 2 options presented at the meeting 15th January, 2026. We are now able to consult with the Early Years sector.

This consultation is your opportunity to tell us which of these options is your preference. Once officers have analysed all your responses, the LA will adopt the option preferred by the majority of providers that responded to this consultation. We will confirm the funding rates to all providers by the end of February 2026.

[Link to Funding Formula Consultation](#)



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