



School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations Local Authority Application to Disapply Regulations Form General Requests

Please complete this form to apply to the Secretary of State for Education to disapply the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations, or to vary conditions in the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Please complete all fields. **If sections are not satisfactorily completed, we may request further information or REJECT YOUR REQUEST.**

Return the completed form along with any supporting documentation to LA.DISAPPLICATIONS@education.gov.uk

Any supporting documentation which is attached separately, for example spreadsheet calculations, should be referenced in the relevant box on the form.

Local Authority number	892
Local Authority	Nottingham
Funding year request relates to	2020/21
Type of request	Other
Which requirement in the Regulations, including the regulation number, is your request made pursuant to?	Determine or redetermine amounts to be allocated to relevant early years providers in its area
Which requirement in the conditions of grant does this request relate to?	

Number of schools directly affected	76 schools, 69 PVI settings, up to 223 registered child minders
Have the schools directly affected by this request been consulted?	No
What are the views of the schools directly affected by this request?	

Has the schools forum been consulted?	No
Does the schools forum agree with this request?	
Has the schools forum voted?	
Which groups of representatives voted? <small>(maintained schools, academies, etc)</small>	
What was the split in votes?	
What was the date of the schools forum meeting?	
Was the meeting quorate?	
Please provide link(s) to the minutes showing schools forum agreement, or details of where this can be found in attached documentation.	
If this has not yet been discussed with Schools forum, what date will this be?	13/10/20

Assessment of the equalities implication	
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Please provide us with your detailed equality analysis demonstrating your compliance with the public sector equality duty in s.149 of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to your request.

If attached separately, please provide details of where this can be found in supporting documentation.

Should we consider your analysis to be inadequate we may request further information or REJECT YOUR REQUEST.

Stating that there are no equality implications will generally be deemed to be inadequate.

[Section 149](#)

This proposal will help ensure we retain access to quality childcare for all communities in Nottingham City. The economic challenges currently faced by this sector sustainability could otherwise see a decline in the overall number of childcare providers in the city, which in turn could jeopardise the Council's statutory sufficient local childcare provision to meet demand.

Detailed information about the request not included above.

For any references made to documents supplied separately, please provide details (e.g. page numbers) of where relevant information can be found within the supporting documents.

You should include, where appropriate:

- What is the rationale for the proposal?
- What is the impact on the schools concerned? Do they benefit from the proposal?
- What is the potential impact on other schools in the area?
- Will maintained schools and academies be affected in the same way?
- What is the potential impact on other educational functions and services in the area?

We are seeking to disapply the Schools & Early Years (England) Finance regulations paragraph 10(7) which states that a LA may not change its funding form period has begun. We wish to increase our base rate for 3 & 4 year olds from September 2020 by £0.12/hour (2.7%) from £4.41/hour to £4.53/hour. This will be sustainable for providers in Nottingham City. The LA reported a 3% underspend on 3 & 4 year old funding in 2019/20 and we calculate that this increase will therefore be sustainable. Given the economic challenges facing the childcare sector both locally and nationally, we feel that taking immediate action rather than waiting for a funding period is vital to support sustainability of the sector and our statutory duty to ensure sufficient childcare provision in Nottingham City. Whilst we have not yet formally consulted Schools Forum, we are making members aware of this disapplication request and predict it will receive universal support. A number of providers on Early Years PVI representative on Schools Forum, have approached the LA about funding and asking whether any increase in the base rate is feasible to support a sustainable financial model for our single standalone maintained nursery school.

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Request number	
ID	
Decision outcome	
Details of the Decision (including any conditions)	

Name	
Date	
Type of Notification	
If this notification type is listed as 'intention to approve' the Department will notify you when the regulations are laid.	