



## 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](mailto: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	1 Maintained Nursery School
Have the schools directly affected by this request been consulted?	Yes
What are the views of the schools directly affected by this request?	In the view of the school, this proposal is essential in order for them to be able to set an achievable 3 year deficit recovery plan in conjunction with their restructure proposals.

Has the schools forum been consulted?	Yes
Does the schools forum agree with this request?	Yes
Has the schools forum voted?	Yes
Which groups of representatives voted? <small>(maintained schools, academies, etc)</small>	All groups. However, the Early Years Representative from the Maintained Nursery
What was the split in votes?	Unanimously in support.
What was the date of the schools forum meeting?	25-Jan-21
Was the meeting quorate?	Yes
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?	

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](#)

Nottingham Nursery School is the only maintained nursery school in the City and is judged outstanding by Ofsted. It is located in a ward where around half of Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) groups. As at the January 2020 census, 22% of the 2,3 & 4 year olds accessing this setting were from BME groups. The Child Assessment for this area indicates that sufficiency could be an issue if places are lost. This proposal will help ensure continued equality of opportunity to access education for this diverse community located in a deprived area.

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 maintained nursery school lump sum for 2020/21 by £75,000. This follows a previous disapplication request to disapply £0.12/hour to all providers for 3 & 4 year olds which received ministerial approval on 3 November 2020. We originally intended to include the maintained nursery school lump sum increase in that same disapplication request but as we were still working on restructure proposals with Nottingham Nursery at that time it was not possible to do so a separate disapplication request became necessary. Nottingham Nursery School had a deficit as at 31 March 2020 of £86,000. The governing body agreed proposals at its governing body meeting on 17 December 2020, which in combination with this proposal will allow recovery of the deficit in a 3-year period and sustainable footing. This proposal was supported at Schools Forum on 25 January 2021. A copy of the Schools Forum paper is provided as this includes further information. In our 2021/22 budget we have planned for the maintained nursery lump sum at the increased level. As outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the Schools Forum project that this proposal is affordable from our 3 & 4 year DSG allocation. In addition, as a contingency the LA has ring-fenced £0.652m within the DSG reserve for potential future early years block overspends.

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Request number

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Decision outcome	
Details of the Decision (including any conditions)	

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