

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. For the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24 (to the extent available), the value of your Early Years Block grant; the percentage and value you retain within the local authority from your Early Years Block grant; and a breakdown of the areas on which you spend the retained amount from your Early Year Block grant (broad areas rather than itemised spending).

The details provided below were approved at the School's Forum in January 2022 & 2023 respectively.

2022/23 – Early Years DSG £22,128,038.
Retained 3.7% which equated to £945,628

2023/24 Early Years DSG £23,243,986 .
Retained 2.8% which equated to £865,807

Early Years Supplementary Grant £1,527,313
which was passported fully to the sector.

The retained funding will continue to support staff within the Early Years Teams and also funding to settings. This includes; quality assurance, training, speech and language support, safeguarding, sufficiency, SEN inclusion fund

2. The value of your SEN Inclusion Fund in each of the last 3 years; the number of children this spending related to in each of those 3 years; and the number of applications you received for SEN inclusion funding in each of those 3 years.

2021/22 £100,000 136 new
applications/number of children receiving
support 179

2022/23 £100,000 140 new
applications/number of children receiving
support 314

2023/24 £100,000 169 new
applications/number of children receiving
support 338