

## Early Years Entitlements Update for Schools Forum

### **Early Years Expansion Grant**

In December 2024, we announced the early years expansion grant, which will provide an additional £75 million of funding to support the sector as it prepares to deliver the final phase of expansion of the working parent entitlement from September 2025.

NELC has received an additional £194,311 EY's expansion grant to be paid to local settings claiming funding for the under threes. We will use the summer term take up data to determine the level of funding that providers will receive. It is anticipated that providers will receive an additional 18p per hour for 2 year olds and an additional 27p per hour for every hour claimed during the summer term. The extra funding will be paid before the end of the summer term.

### **Sufficiency**

Across the borough, there remains to be sufficient places, but they are not all in the right place or age range.

The supply, demand and take up of places is assessed termly and the team continue to work with providers to determine capacity and support the increase places were needed.

There remains no evidence of unmet demand in any age range, within the borough.

### **New funded providers**

Mini Explorers Day Nursery

### **Proposed Places being developed**

Humberston Country Club Pre-school - 46 more places for under 3's

Waltham Pre-school - 24 more places for under 2's

Nunnys Little Farmers – 14 places for under 3's

Queensway Day Care – 9 places for under 2's

3 proposed Ofsted registered childminders

### **Closures**

Cleethorpes Childcare have confirmed (16-6-25) that Signhills Pre-school and Hardys Den will close on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025. This will be a loss of 32 full time equivalent places. The team are supporting the setting and parents are being directed to FIS to find alternative places for the autumn term

Take up in Academic Year 2024-25

| Offer                      | Take up Summer | Take up Spring | Take up Autumn |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 3 & 4 year Universal offer | 94%            | 95%            | 100%           |
| 3 & 4 year extended        | 50%            | 49%            | 46%            |
| 2 year disadvantage        | 25%            | 25%            | 31%            |
| 2 year expanded            | 40%            | 38%            | 37%            |
| Under 2's expanded         | 39%            | 38%            | 33%            |

Average Take up Year on Year

|         | 3 & 4 year Universal | 3 & 4 year extended | 2 year disadvantage | 2 year expanded | Under 2's expanded |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2024-25 | 93%                  | 57%                 | 27%                 | 38%             | 36%                |
| 2023-24 | 97%                  | 47%                 | 40%                 | 31%             |                    |
| 2022-23 | 96%                  | 47%                 | 38%                 |                 |                    |
| 2021-22 | 97%                  | 42%                 | 36%                 |                 |                    |
| 2020-21 | 94%                  | 37%                 | 33%                 |                 |                    |

Note: Some 2 year olds could be eligible for both the disadvantaged and working offers. However, they can only access one or the other offer not both.