

Summary of Nursery Place Funding in Brighton & Hove 2004/05

Education passporting restrictions mean there would be significant implications if proposals resulted in a shift of funding from the maintained to the private, voluntary and independent sector.

The table below summarises the split of funding within the 2004-05 budget.

Sector	£'000
Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector - 3 Year Olds	1,925
- 4 Year Olds	902
Maintained Sector - Nursery schools	393
- Nursery classes	1,286
Total	4,506

Notes:-

Funding for the Private, Voluntary and Independent sector is based on £426 per pupil. Pupil numbers used to calculate this are estimated based on termly headcounts expressed as a proportion of the maximum entitlement of 55 x 2.5 hour sessions per term per pupil.

Funding for maintained sector is calculated as follows:

a) Nursery schools - budgets delegated to Royal Spa and Tarnerland in 2004/05

b) Nursery classes within maintained schools - represents the age weighted pupil unit (AWPU) funding allocated in respect of nursery age pupils. This is currently £2548.07. Pupil numbers used to drive this funding are calculated by taking the actual number on roll plus or minus 50% of the difference between this figure and the standard provision.

eg. for a nursery class with a capacity of 25 places, where 21 are in attendance on PLASC day, funding will be allocated based on 23 places.

This minimises the funding of empty places and also provides stability to schools in an age group where numbers can fluctuate significantly from one year to the next.

Theoretically other elements of a primary school budget share may be attributable to nursery provision (eg. Proportion of floor area) but it is not possible to quantify these.