

Meeting of the Early Years Working Group
Wednesday 30th April 2008
(2.00 pm, Training Room 6, Building 2 at NLBP)

Attended	Members:	Anthea Abery (Rosh Pinah, Maintained Nursery Class-Faith)
		Liz Bartlett (Wingfield, Maintained Children’s Centre)
		Perina Holness (Moss Hall, Maintained Nursery School)
		Sharon Lee (FRS, PVI Setting)
		Julie Paice (Senior Childminding Co-Ordinator, LBB)
		Christine Read (All Saints N20, Maintained Nursery Class)
		Diana Rose (Kerem House, PVI Independent School)
		Elaine Rosenthal (Playsafe, PVI Sessional)
		Sarah Vipond (Middlesex Uni, PVI Full Day Care)
	LEA Officers:	Stuart Gray (Principal Inspector, Chair)
		Diane Lewis (Early Years Inspector)
		Carol Beckman (School Funding Manager)
		Zahid Parvez (Business Manager)
		Akos Adu (Research & Performance Officer)
	Observer Status:	Elizabeth Pearson (Schools Forum member)
		Jodi Gurney (Schools Forum member)
	Clerk:	Sarrosh Ali (School Resources & Support Officer)

Not Present	Members:	John Maxwell (Holly Park, Maintained Nursery Class)
	LEA Officers:	Martin Baker (Acting Director of Children’s Service)

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1	Apologies received from John Maxwell.	
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2. Welcome and Introductions

	SG gave an introduction to the Early Years Working Group.	
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3. Background – Carol Beckman

	<p>CB introduced herself and explained the role of the School Funding team. CB produced a presentation which covered the background information of the Early Years Working Group, it’s role and purpose. Members of the group were asked to contribute to the discussion. The issues raised were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Choice • Charging for additional Childcare • Part attendance at maintained and PVI • Meeting needs in particular areas • Admissions policies 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in April 2009 • Maximum number of providers where children access Free Entitlement. • Ofsted requirements for qualifications of staff. 	
4. Workplan for future meetings		
4.1	CB said there would be 9 meetings of the Early Years Working Group over the next 2 years. The meetings would occur just before the Schools Forum meetings so issues can be reported back to them. The group decided to hold future meetings at 3pm instead of 2pm.	
4.2	The School Funding team will prepare the papers for meetings and send out a week before. CB suggested if the members want to distribute any papers they should do so through Sarrosh Ali.	
5. Any Other Business		
	None	
7. Dates of future meetings		
	<p>Wed 11th June 3:00 pm</p> <p>Tues 16th Sept 3:00 pm</p> <p>TBA 3:00 pm</p> <p>TBA 3:00 pm</p>	

