

RESPONSE DOCUMENT

Proposals of the North Somerset Strategic Schools Forum

Flexible delivery of the free early learning and care entitlement

The outcome of the response document will be considered in February 2010.

Please respond to all questions even if they are not relevant to your setting.

Setting/Establishment

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Please return the response document to:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Q No	Question	Yes	No
i	<p>Weekly entitlement</p> <p>Do you agree with the statements that:</p> <p>(a) A maximum of 15 hours a week can be taken over a minimum of 3 days if delivered over 38 weeks or less.</p> <p>(b) If the entitlement is taken up for a period of more than 38 weeks in a year, the number of hours per week is reduced pro rata.</p> <p>(c) The only exception would be for children with special educational needs.</p>		
ii	<p>Length of offer over year</p> <p>Do you agree with the statements that the length of the offer over a year should be:</p> <p>(a) A minimum of 38 weeks but it can be made available over a longer period.</p> <p>(b) Parents may choose to take their entitlement with a provider offering fewer than 38 weeks of provision – but if they do so in preference to an available provider offering 38 weeks, the local authority will not be obliged to fund a provider to make up the additional weeks.</p>		
iii	<p>Minimum session length:</p> <p>Do you agree with the statement that the minimum session length should be:</p> <p>3 hours is preferred but 2.5 hours would be acceptable only where issues such as availability of premises do not enable 3 hour sessions.</p>		
iv	<p>Maximum hours in a day:</p> <p>Do you agree with the statement that the maximum funding in a day should be:</p> <p>6 hours in one day</p>		

v	<p>Number of Providers:</p> <p>Do you agree with the statement that children should be able to attend:</p> <p>A maximum of 2 providers at anyone time except where the third provider is a specialist SEN provider or the child is looked after by the local authority.</p>		
vi	<p>Times of day during which the free entitlement can be delivered</p> <p>Do you agree with the statement that the free entitlement should be delivered:</p> <p>Between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm and that the minimum funding unit of 30 minutes.</p>		
vii	<p>Core offer</p> <p>Do you agree with the statement that the core flexible offer should be delivered using the following models:</p> <p>(a) 3 hours a day over 5 days a week</p> <p>(b) 5 hours a day over 3 days a week</p> <p>(c) 6 hours + 6 hours + 3 hours over 3 days a week</p>		

Comments

If you have answered no to any of the questions or have any comments to make on any responses please do so here, you may continue on another sheet if necessary.

Please state which question number you are commenting on.