**Memorandum of Understanding for Early Education Funding**

**Summary of Changes Effective from 1 April 2024**

The Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Early Education Funding outlines the terms and conditions of funding for all schools that are offering the early years funded entitlements. All schools that offer the funded entitlements must ensure they adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding wording has been updated throughout to reflect the expansion of the working parent's entitlements for 2-year-olds that came into effect on 1 April 2024 and the working parent's entitlements for 9 months to 23 months old children that come into effect on 1 September 2024.

Other than the changes to wording for the inclusion of the new expanded entitlements and slight changes in the new statutory guidance that came into effect on 1 April 2024 there are limited changes to the conditions of funding.

A summary of the clauses that have changed is provided below:

**4. Eligibility**

* All clauses have been updated as necessary to enable providers to claim the new entitlements.

**5. Grace Period**

* All clauses have been updated to reflect that the grace period rules apply to all the working parents' entitlements, not just 3 & 4 year old extended hours.

**12. Supporting Disadvantaged Children**

* 9.3 & 9.4 are new clauses to outline how providers will be funded where households meet the eligibility criteria for both the disadvantaged 2 year old entitlement and the 2 year old working parent's entitlements.

**11. Business Planning & Claims**

* All clauses have been updated as necessary to enable providers to claim the new entitlements.

**15. Charging**

* 12.2 & 12.4 have been updated to reflect the slightly amended wording in the DfE statutory guidance for local authorities that was published on 1 April 2024.
* 18.8 & 18.9 have been updated to outline the funding policy if a childminder agency receives a second consecutive inspection judgement of 'ineffective' for a childminder agency. This clause is in line with the national guidance published by the DfE.