The early education and childcare statutory guidance for local authorities September 2017 from the Department for Education (DfE) recommends all authorities should consider paying providers monthly from 1 September 2018.

Kent County Council are consulting all Early Years providers on whether to maintain the current payment method or move to monthly payment arrangements.

We can provide one payment method from September 2018, so it is important that we understand the views of Early Years providers on which method would suit them best before we make a decision.

We would therefore encourage all Early Years providers to read the information in the Consultation Document before responding to this questionnaire.

Further information and copies of the Consultation Documents are available online at: https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/earlyyearspayments

This questionnaire can be completed online by following the above link, alternatively, fill in this paper form and return to:

Room 3.17, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ

Please ensure your response reaches us by 27th April 2018.

Alternative Formats: If you need this questionnaire or any of the consultation documents in an alternative format, please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.

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Section 1

Please provide the following details about your setting:

Q1. Your Setting name:

Q1a. Your Ofsted Number:

Q1b. Which District(s) does your provision cover?

Please select all that apply.

- Ashford
- Canterbury
- Dartford
- Dover
- Gravesham
- Maidstone
- Sevenoaks
- Sevenoaks
- Shepway
- Swale
- Thanet
- Tonbridge & Malling
- Tunbridge Wells
Q1c. Type of provider:

Please select one option.

- Day Nursery
- Pre-School
- School Run Provision
- Childminder

Q2. Which payment method would you prefer?

Please select one option.

- Current
- Monthly
- Don’t know

Q3. If payments are moved to a monthly basis, what impact would this have on the financial viability of your provision?

Please select one option.

- Negative impact
- Positive impact
- No impact
- Don’t know
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Q3b. If you feel there would be an impact on your provision, please provide details of this below:


Q4. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about Early Years payments?
Q5. We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) on Early Years Payment Methods.

An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any service change, policy or strategy would have on age, gender, gender identity, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage and civil partnership and carer’s responsibilities. The EqIA is available online at https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/earlyyearspayments or on request.

We welcome your views on the EqIA.

*Please write in below.*
Section 2 - About You

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We'll use it only to help us make decisions and improve our services.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

**It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.**

Q6. Are you......? *Please select one option.*

- Male
- Female
- I prefer not to say

Q7. Is your Gender the same as your birth? *Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q8. Which of these age groups applies to you? *Please select one option.*

- 0-15
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-59
- 60-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 + over
- I prefer not to say

Q9. Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or holding a belief? *Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say
Q9a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q9, which of the following applies to you?

*Please select one option.*

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- I prefer not to say
- Buddhist
- Jewish
- Sikh
- Other Please write in below

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q10. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q10a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q10, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these applies to you, please select ‘Other’, and give brief details of the impairment you have.

- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both)
- Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- I prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)
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A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. Both children and adults can be carers.

Q11. Are you a Carer?
Please select one option.

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Q12. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?
Please select one option. (Source: 2011 Census)

- White English
- White Scottish
- White Welsh
- White Northern Irish
- White Irish
- White Gypsy/Roma
- White Irish Traveller
- White Other*
- Asian or Asian British Indian
- Asian or Asian British Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British Other*
- Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- Mixed White & Black African
- Mixed White & Asian
- Mixed Other*
- Black or Black British Caribbean
- Black or Black British African
- Black or Black British Other*
- Arab
- Chinese
- I prefer not to say

*Other Ethnic Group - If your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here


Q13. Are you…?

Please select one option.

- Heterosexual/Straight
- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman/Lesbian
- Other
- I prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your feedback is important to us. Your views and opinions will influence the final decision.