Further to your Information request FOI66855 please find your questions and our responses below:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the funding of Early Education Entitlement - often known as Early Years provision for 3 and 4 year-olds.

1. Please can you tell me if your council provides Free Early Education Entitlement to four year-olds once they have started in a reception class at school or does this funding allocation stop once they leave nursery and start formal education?

   Funding stops once the child enters a school reception class.

2. If it does continue once school starts, is this money paid directly to the state school until the term after the child in question turns 5 (the cut-off age for the entitlement) or can a parent use the money to pay an accredited childminder for extra help e.g. to do school pick up if they have a job?

   N/A

3. Equally, if the child is instead at a private (independent/fee-paying school) is the money paid to that school until the term after the child turns five? Does this only happen if that school had a nursery attached?

   Private Voluntary and Independent providers are paid for each child until the end of the term after their 5th birthday, provided they remain in a nursery class.

4. If yes to question 3, do you know how many independent/private/fee-paying schools have nurseries attached to them in your region?

   Ten fee paying schools have a private nursery attached.

If question 4 would require more time than is allocated under FOI, I would be happy to only have a response to the first three.
If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

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