

PUPIL GROWTH FUNDING - PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

1. Proposal

To consider a revision to the criteria for financial support to schools with in-year increases in pupil numbers reflecting the additional needs of new intakes.

2. Background

Schools taking bulge classes or permanent expansions receive a proportion of the AWPU for the remaining period of the financial year to cover staff costs. For primary schools this is currently £45,194 for the period September to March (£77,475 in a full year) which funds a teacher, a teaching assistant and some additional running costs.

Some schools are finding that there is a high proportion of children with additional needs in the new intake who, in the following financial year receive pupil premium funding. However, for the initial period, no additional funds are received.

3. Options

- A. To add an additional needs supplement to the funding for all permanent expansions and bulge classes. Options for this are attached.
- B. To add an additional needs supplement to the funding for all bulge classes only.
- C. To add an additional needs supplement for bulge classes only for the period April to August when, uncommonly, a bulge class is taken for a whole year rather than from September.
- D. Do not have an additional needs supplement.