



## Schools Funding Forum 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 ITEM 5

**Subject Heading:**

**Additional Funding for Schools and High Needs**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**All members**

### SUMMARY

This item is to consider the Government announcements on schools and high needs funding prior to the publication of indicative DSG allocations. and operational guidance to local authorities in October.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the report.

### REPORT DETAIL

#### 1. The initial announcement

On 30<sup>th</sup> August the Prime Minister announced a £14 billion cash boost for schools. This will allocate an additional £2.6 billion in 2020/21, a further £2.2 billion in 2021/22 and a further £2.3 billion in 2022/23.

This is shown in the table below

	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
2020-21	2.6	-	-	2.6
2021-22	2.6	2.2	-	4.8
2022-23	2.6	2.2	2.3	7.1
Cumulative	7.8	4.4	2.3	14.5

The £2.6 billion for 2020-21 includes £700 million for High Needs. The additional funding will also need to cover the growth in pupil population and future pay awards including the proposed increase in the starting salary of teachers to £30,000.

Secondary schools are to receive a minimum of £5,000 per pupil and primary schools £3,750 rising to £4,000 in 2021/22.

## 2. Further announcements on school funding

Since the initial announcement, further detail has been announced as follows:

- The DfE has confirmed its intention to move to a 'hard' NFF for schools but not for 2020-21
- The minimum funding guarantee will be set at 0.5% per pupil
- The gains cap will be removed
- The core factors of the NFF will increase by 4%
- A formulaic factor will be introduced for pupil mobility rather than on the basis of historic spend
- Pupil growth and falling rolls funding will be protected to ensure it does not reduce by more than 0.5% of the schools block allocation

Havering pupil growth and falling rolls funding has reduced since the introduction of the DfE formula as shown in the table below.

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 estimate
£3.3 m	£2.5 m	£1.63 m

Further work is underway to estimate the costs of funding pupil growth in Havering schools in 2020-21.

The ESFA published the operational guidance on implementing the funding system for 2020-21 on 12<sup>th</sup> September. This document will be tabled at the meeting and can be found using the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/831848/Schools\\_operational\\_guide\\_2020\\_to\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831848/Schools_operational_guide_2020_to_2021.pdf)

### **3. Further announcements on high needs funding**

- Every LA to receive an increase of at least 8% per head of 1 to 18 population
- LAs' high needs allocations could increase by up to 17% on the basis of 2 to 18 population

### **4. Other funding announcements**

#### **4.1 Pay and Pension Grants**

The teachers' pay grant and teachers' pension grants will continue to be paid separately from the NFF at rates to be determined.

#### **4.2 Early Years – an additional £66 million**

Intended to increase the hourly rates paid by LAs to providers.

#### **4.3 Post 16 – an additional £400 million**

£190 million to protect and increase the base rate and to boost access to high quality courses for more than a million 16-19 year olds.

£120 million to help deliver expensive but crucial subjects such as engineering which lead to higher wages and, ultimately, a more productive economy.

£35 million for targeted interventions to support students on level 3 courses (A level equivalent) who failed GCSE Maths and English, so they can re-sit their exams in these critical subjects.

£25 million to deliver T-levels. The new qualifications start rolling out in September 2020 and will transform vocational education with two-year courses in subjects as varied as accounting, digital production and onsite construction.

£10 million for the advanced maths premium, which adds £600 to college budgets for every additional student who takes on A- and AS- level maths.

£20 million to help the sector to continue to recruit and retain brilliant teachers and leaders, and provide more support to ensure high-quality teaching of T Levels.