



Subject Heading:

COVID-19 pandemic support

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Eligibility to vote:

**All school and academy members and
the PVI representative**

SUMMARY

This item refers to the government's financial support for schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and proposes some additional funding from the DSG.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the support from central government and consider an allocation of funding from the DSG to support schools with the additional costs of purchasing PPE etc.

REPORT DETAIL

The government has issued guidance on a range of support for schools that include the opportunity to furlough staff who are employed directly against privately earned income and to claim a limited range of costs as set out in the attached guidance at Appendix A.

Schools are also expected to continue to meet the costs of current contracts to ensure that services can continue during and after the pandemic. This is set out in the guidance at Appendix B.

The government's expectation that primary schools should reopen from 1st June for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 has placed additional financial pressure on schools in purchasing PPE, and on signage, tape etc to maintain social distancing.

It is proposed to allocate some additional funding to schools from the Schools Partnership Fund to support them in meeting these costs and to reconsider the position at a future meeting for the wider opening of schools in September.

The proposed allocations are based on a flat rate of £500 per school plus £1.50 per pupil reflecting the size of the school premises.