



**Subject Heading:**

**High Needs Funding 2024-25**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

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### SUMMARY

This report summarises the announcements of indicative DSG High Needs Block funding for financial year 2024-25

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the High Needs Block funding for financial year 2024-25

### REPORT DETAIL

#### 1. Background

In 2018-19 the DfE implemented a National Funding Formula for the allocation to local authorities of high needs funding through the DSG, although the funding has not kept pace with the increasing number of children with Education Health and Care Plans or the increased complexity of need.

## 2. National funding formula allocations for 2023-24

The full operational guidance can be found on the DfE website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2024-to-2025/high-needs-funding-2024-to-2025-operational-guide>

High needs funding nationally is increasing by £440 million, or 4.3%, compared to the amounts allocated in 2023-24. The total high needs budget for 2024-25 will be £10.54 billion, the vast majority of which is allocated through the high needs National Funding Formula.

The funding floor factor in the high needs NFF for 2024-25 will be 3% per head of the 2-18 year old population. This compares to an increase in 2023-24 of 5%. The limit on gains is set at 5%, a decrease from the 2023-24 level of 7%, again calculated on a per head of population basis.

The historic spend factor remains unchanged for 2024-25, to provide every local authority with a set percentage (50%) of their 2017-18 outturn spending on high needs.

## 3. DSG High Needs Block allocation 2024-25

Indicative funding for 2024-25 through the DSG High Needs Block has been announced by the DfE as shown in the table below, with comparable data from 2023-24.

Funding factor	2024-25 £	2023-24 £	Change £	Change %
(A) Basic entitlement factor	2,182,364	2,184,830	-2,466	-0.1
(B) Historic spend factor	11,194,567	11,194,567	0	0.0
(C) Population factor	16,844,191	14,827,294	2,016,897	13.6
(D) FSM factor	2,855,486	2,516,005	339,481	13.5
(E) IDACI factor	3,002,258	2,656,963	345,295	13.0
(F) Bad health factor	2,378,191	1,915,753	462,438	24.1
(G) Disability factor	2,114,552	1,865,226	249,326	13.4
(H) KS2 low attainment factor	1,954,795	1,550,097	404,698	26.1
(I) KS4 low attainment factor	2,119,261	1,823,617	295,644	16.2
(J) Funding floor factor	0	0	0	0.0
(K) Gains limit factor	-29,672	0	-29,672	-
(L) Hospital education, AP teachers pay/pension and supplementary funding factor	143,850	140,718	3,132	2.2
(L1) Import/export adjustment	-1,830,000	-1,638,000	-192,000	-11.7
(L2) New and growing special free schools	24,000	36,000	-12,000	-33.3
Additional grant autumn statement 2022	-	1,760,760	-1,760,760	-100.0
<b>Total funding</b>	<b>42,953,843</b>	<b>40,833,830</b>	<b>2,120,013</b>	<b>5.2</b>

It should be noted that the figures shown are before DfE recoupment for their direct funding of academies and non maintained special schools.