

Schools Management Forum

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Subject: 2019/20 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – Schools Block

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Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information on:
 - School census results;
 - DSG Schools Block Budget for 2019/20;
 - School Formula Budget 2019/20.

School Census Results and DSG Schools Block

2. This report analyses the settlement received in December 2018 for the financial year 2019/20 in relation to the Schools Block within DSG.
3. Due to the National Funding Formula being implemented for 2019/20 we have two Schools Block Units of Funding (SBUF) per pupil for 2019/20. A rate for Primary pupils of **£4,279.27** and a rate for Secondary pupils of **£5,757.30**.
4. The SBUF is then multiplied by the October 2018 census data of 21,147* to calculate the 2019/20 Schools Block allocation. This is an increase of 521 pupils on the equivalent data for October 2017 used in the school formula for 2018/19.
5. In addition to the funding above we will also receive an additional £1,713,326 for 2019/20. This is to cover premises, growth factor and pupil mobility.
6. The following table summarises the financial position for the Schools Block for 2019/20.

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Primary NFF Allocation (£4,279.27 x 13,535 pupils)	57,919,919
Secondary NFF Allocation (£5,757.30 x 7,612 pupils)	43,824,568
2019/20 Schools Block NFF Per Pupil	101,744,487
Add funding for premises, growth & pupil mobility	1,713,326
2019/20 Schools Block Allocation	103,457,813

***There is a minor discrepancy on the schools block dataset and the DSG allocation table, which has been raised with ESFA, the data is out by 1 primary pupil and 3 secondary pupils. You will notice this discrepancy on the schools formula.**

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School Formula Budget 2019/20

7. As SMF members are aware at the time of writing the report the LA are still awaiting the outcome of the disapplication request submitted to the ESFA in November 2018. This is to transfer 1% of the Schools Block allocation to the High Needs Block to cover additional pressures within the High Needs budget. ESFA have asked for reconsideration of the request following the additional funding for High Needs. As discussed at SMF 19th December it is still the Council's intention to transfer 1% and ESFA will be notified formally of this. ESFA have instructed that we should for now assume in the model that the 1% will be approved.
8. Attached are 3 appendices for the following models discussed at the modelling sub group meeting on the 8th January. The models assume the disapplication request will be approved and the funding will be transferred to the High Needs Block.
 - Appendix A shows the schools formula with a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.40%.
 - Appendix B shows the schools formula with a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.45%.
 - Appendix C shows the schools formula with a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.50%.

Please find below summary of results for each different model for comparable purposes.

	MFG %	Cap on gains %	Reduced per pupil funding (number of primary schools)	Reduced per pupil funding (number of secondary schools)
Appendix A	0.40%	0.22%	12	0
Appendix B	0.45%	0.13%	13	1
Appendix C	0.50%	0.04%	14	1

- Appendix D is a demonstration of the above by school for your information.

Note – the de-delegation and school share sheets contained in the model are subject to amendment following finalisation of these costs. These do not affect the schools formula calculation.

Proforma

9. The deadline for the final proforma submission is the 21st January 2019. We cannot change the distribution of the Schools Block after this date.

Recommendations

10. SMF members are recommended to:
 - Note the final pupil numbers and allocation of DSG within Schools Block;
 - Review the various models and recommend one of the options, and approve the 2019/20 School Formula and submission of the final proforma to the ESFA.