

ROTHERHAM SCHOOLS FORUM – 9 DECEMBER 2016

Background to ESG and ESG duties

2016 to 2017

ESG was made up of two rates that funded two different groups of services:

- The **retained duties rate** (£15) has gone to local authorities to fund services they provide to all schools, including academies
- The **general duties rate** has gone to both local authorities and academies to fund services authorities provide to maintained schools but which academies must provide themselves

The general duties rate local authorities received were:

General duties rate for mainstream schools	£77.00
General duties rate for special schools	£327.25
General duties rate for PRUs	£288.75

(multipliers used in ESG previously were 3.75 for PRU's and 4.25 for special schools)

The general duties rates academies receive varying amounts depending upon date of conversion and historic guidance.

2017 to 2018

The general duties rate is ending and funding previously allocated through the ESG retained duties rate (£15) will be transferred into the schools block.

General duties rate

- Local authorities will receive transitional funding for April 2017 to August 2017 at an annual rate of £50 per pupil which equates to £20 per maintained pupil for the five months.
- Regulations will be amended to allow local authorities to retain some of their schools block funding to cover the statutory duties that they covered for maintained schools.
- The amount to be retained will need to be agreed by the relevant maintained school members of forum (primary, secondary, special and PRU)
- Local authorities should set a single rate per 5 to 16 year old pupils which will be deducted from basic entitlement funding for all mainstream maintained schools (both primary and secondary)
- Local authorities may choose to establish different rates for special schools and PRU'S if the cost of fulfilling the duty is substantially different for those schools. The rate will be per place rather than per pupil.
- Academies will see an end to their ESG by 2020.

Retained duties rate

- An indicative amount of £646,264 will be transferred into the 2017-2018 schools block
- With the agreement of schools forum, local authorities will be able to fund central services previously funded within the retained duties rate (for all schools)