

REPORT FOR SCHOOLS FORUM

1.	Date of meeting:	21 st June 2019
2.	Title:	Amendment to the 2019/20 Pupil Growth Policy
3.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

1. Background

- 1.1 Growth funding enables local authorities to support schools with significant in-year pupil growth. The growth fund can also be used to:
- Support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
 - Support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
 - Meet the costs of new schools

Schools Forum agrees the total growth fund.

- 1.2 At the November 2018 meeting, Schools Forum approved a 2019-20 contingency for a pupil growth fund for those schools the local authority had asked to increase their pupil admission number (PAN). The report outlined the transitional *funding (7/12 funding for maintained Schools and 12/12 funding for Academies)* required to support the additional staffing requirements for expanding schools in the Borough until school census funding generates the income for the additional pupils.
- 1.3 The report also outlined the pre start up allocation required in relation to Waverley Junior Academy as agreed by Schools Forum as part of the pre start up and diseconomies in the first year of operation funding formula for new schools.

2. Key actions and relevant timelines

- 2.1 Where schools are expanded, it is necessary to provide interim financial support to bridge the gap (between 1st September and 31st March for maintained Schools and 1st September to 31st August for Academies) due to funding arrangements. Funding is allocated to schools each year based upon numbers on roll on Census day in October of the preceding year. Additional pupils commencing at the start of a new academic year will not be on roll at that time in order to generate sufficient funding to meet additional staffing and other agreed expenditure.
- 2.2 Using the previously agreed formula for funding allocations, Schools Forum approved the following allocations from the Pupil Growth element within the Schools Block to fund school expansion implications and pre start up implications relating to Waverley Junior Academy:

2019/20 Academic Year Recommended Allocations
Table 1

School	Amount
Wath C of E Primary	£56,076
Sandhill Primary	£56,076
Laughton J and I	£56,076
Brinsworth Howarth	£32,711
Wickersley SSC	£62,556
Wales High	£62,556
Wath Comprehensive	£62,556
St Bernard's	£56,076
Waverley Junior Academy (pre start up)	£34,289 (September 19 – March)
Total	£478,972

Allocations to be paid during the summer term prior to the 2019-20 academic year.

2.3 Table 2 below is the detail of the agreed formula of the Pupil Growth allocations for expanding schools:

Rotherham formula for funding allocations
Table 2

Teacher	Academy (12/12)	Maintained (7/12)
M6 Teacher	£31,551	£18,405
Band D T/A	£11,033	£ 6,436
SMSA	£ 1,868	£ 1,090
Resources amount per additional pupil projected	£ 252	£ 252
Fixed amount per classroom	£ 3,000	£ 3,000

4 Proposed amendments to the policy

4.1 The LA are proposing the following changes:

- If a class is created between September and April, the amount would be reduced by 1/7th (1/12th for academies) for each whole month that the class is not needed
- When a class is created the LA will require evidence of staff appointments in order to release funding
- When a school takes additional pupils but has no requirement for an additional class they will only receive the resources amount of £252 per pupil capped at 15 pupils
- Agreed allocations will be paid during the autumn term

Recommendations to Schools Forum

5.1 It is recommended that Schools Forum confirms the amendments to the Pupil Growth Policy detailed above.

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