

## Schools Forum Briefing

1.	Date of meeting:	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
2.	Title:	New Funding Announcement (HM Treasury Spending Round 2019)
3.	Directorate:	CYPS

### 1. SUBJECT: NEW FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

### 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Schools Forum members of the recently announced School Funding Update

### 3. RECOMMENDATION (S)

That members note this information and ensure they make school/academies that they represent aware of this information.

### 4. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S)

To ensure Schools Forum members are aware of the latest announcements relating to funding.

### 5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5.1 On 4th September the Secretary of State for Education set out the government's spending plans for 2020/21.

5.2 To fulfil the government commitment to increase the schools budget by £7.1 billion by 2022/23 the spending round exceptionally sets budgets for schools until 2022/23.

### 6. SCHOOLS AND HIGH NEEDS

6.1 The 5-16 core schools and high needs budget will, compared to 2019/20 rise by the following:

- £2.6 billion in 2020/21
- £4.8 billion in 2021/22
- £7.1 billion in 2022/23

6.2 Separate to this, the government have also committed to provide £1.5 billion of funding to compensate schools for the increased cost of employer pension contributions.

6.3 The minimum per pupil amounts are also set to increase; the current levels are £3,500 for primary and £4,800 for secondary schools. In 2019/20 no Rotherham school received additional funding through this factor as they were all already receiving above the levels set. For 2020/21 the minimum per pupil amounts are to increase to £3,750 and £5,000 for primary and secondary respectively. A further uplift to primary rates in 2021/22 will increase the minimum per pupil amount to £4,000.

6.2 In addition for 2020/21 the minimum funding guarantee will be between +0.5% and +1.84% (for 2019/20 the MFG was between -1.5% and +0.5%).

Local authorities will only be able to transfer 0.5% of their Schools block with School Forum approval. To transfer more than this or any amount without Forum approval, they will have to submit a request to the DfE.

6.3 For 2020/21, provisional national funding formula allocations will be published at local authority level in early October 2019.

7. Final dedicated schools grant allocations will be released in December 2019 (following the October 2019 census).

7.1 Within the allocations announced above, £700m has been included in 2020/21 to support children & young people with special educational needs.

## 8. **EARLY YEARS**

8.1 The spending round has also announced an increase to early years spending of an additional £66m to increase the hourly rate to childcare providers.

## 9. **FURTHER EDUCATION**

A £400M investment in further education has also been announced for 2020/21. The government has stressed that this is in recognition of the vital role this sector plays in delivering the skills needed for the wider economy.

Included with the above is £190m to increase core funding for 16-19 year olds and £210m of funding for targeted interventions such as high cost programmes, English and Maths resits and the Advanced Maths Premium,

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