

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Schools Forum
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	TITLE:	Expanding and new schools contingency funding formula.
1. Background		
1.1	Where schools are expanded as a result of new housing or demographic growth which is creating a pressure on existing schools, these expansions are referred to by the Department for Education (DfE) as 'Basic Need' projects.	
1.2	Local Authorities (LA's) receive an annual allocation of Basic Need funding based on current numbers on roll and future projected growth, linked to the annual School Capacity and Planning (SCAP) return submitted by LA's in June of each year.	
1.3	Basic Need funding is used to provide the new places required in schools. Where housing developments will put a pressure on existing school places and create a shortfall, LA's can submit a business case to developers requesting a financial contribution to add additional capacity in an affected area (Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act contribution). These Section 106 contributions where used to add additional mainstream school capacity are also classed as basic need.	
1.4	Where schools are expanded, this can create a requirement for additional teaching staffing and, as a result it may be necessary to provide interim financial support to bridge the gap (between 1st September and 31st March for maintained Schools and 1 st September to 31 st August for Academies) due to funding arrangements.	
1.5	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 as the result of a basic need expansion will not be on roll at that time in order to generate sufficient funding to meet additional staffing and other agreed expenditure.	
1.6	Any new school / Academy that is open for basic need purposes is the responsibility of the Local Authority to fund. This includes both post revenue opening costs and pre start development costs.	
2. Key Issues		
2.1	The formula for funding allocations was agreed by Schools Forum in 2014, to support staffing and resource implications for expanding and new schools from the Pupil Growth element within the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.	

Funding formula for expanding and new schools:**Expansion Funding Formula**

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

New School funding Formula (pre start up)

Leadership for Academic Year prior to opening	Expenditure
Leadership funding based on L10 leadership salary as previously agreed by Schools Forum (Sept to Mar - 7/12)	£34,289
Leadership funding based on L10 leadership salary as previously agreed by Schools Forum (Apr to Aug 15 – 5/12)	£24,492

Pre start up funding allocation:

Based on the school expansions funding formula with a presumption that recruitment will occur in the term proceeding opening - April to August (5/12) of start - up year staffing:

<i>5/12 x Teacher</i>	£13,146
<i>5/12 x Teaching Assistant</i>	£ 4,597
<i>5/12 SMSA</i>	£ 778
<i>£3,000 fixed amount per classroom being opened in first year of operation</i>	£ 3,000
Total	Above multiplied by number of year groups to be opened

Diseconomies funding – based on October Census / projections:

Variation between funding and full	Projection / Actual – pupil number if full in all year groups school opens to in first year.
Variation allocation per empty seat Current AWPU rate = £3,067 per pupil	£ 3,067 x variation
Resources / premises / Infrastructure	£1,223 x variation
Deprivation (ever 6) allocation 50% + £548 per pupil 29% - 49% £300 per pupil 15% - 28% £150 per pupil 0 – 14% £ NIL per pupil	Amount (if applicable) x variation
EAL (20% +) £367 per pupil	Amount (if applicable) x variation
pupil mobility (10% +) £500 per pupil	Amount (if applicable) x variation
Low attainment factor £537 per pupil	Amount (if applicable) x variation

3. Key Actions and Timelines

- 3.1** Growth funding allocations for expanding schools are paid in July annually following confirmation of pupil growth numbers and additional staffing implications for the new academic year.
- 3.2** Allocations are approved by Schools Forum following consideration of a report recommending allocation amounts.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1** That Schools Forum notes the current expanding and new school growth funding allocations formulas.