

Report to: Schools Forum

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Title: Dedicated Schools Grant Settlement 2024/25

Status: For Information Purposes Only

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Schools Forum of the Dedicated Schools Grant settlement for 2024/25

Background

Schools receive funding via a variety of different funding streams, the main ones being the four blocks of the Dedicated School Grant (DSG), Pupil Premium, Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Post 16 Funding and Universal Infant Free School Meals.

DSG is the main funding stream for schools and education services and is split into the following four blocks of funding:

DSG Block	Purpose of funding
Schools Block	To fund primary and secondary mainstream schools
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	To fund LA functions supporting schools & education
High Needs Block	To fund all special provisions and all associated High Needs costs
Early Years Block	To fund nurseries and early years providers

The allocation of DSG funding is governed and managed in conjunction with the Schools' Forum.

Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation 2024/25

Block	Gross Allocation 24/25	Recoupment	Allocation after Recoupment 24/25	Comments	Increase Compared to 23/24
Schools Block	1,147,185,334	7,802,312	1,139,383,022	Does not include Academy Recoupments - 23/24 £694mil	5.66%
High Needs Block	283,571,566	34,988,739	248,582,827		4.99%
Early Years Block	135,744,519	0	135,744,519		48.66%
Central Schools Services Block	8,297,720	0	8,297,720		0.64%
Total	1,574,799,139	42,791,051	1,532,008,088		

Provisional Funding Announcement Error

- Indicative allocations published in July 23, these were published with an error on the formula
- Revised Indicative allocations issued October 23. Reduction of £8million for Birmingham between the two allocations
- This was not a reduction in funding, just an amendment to incorrect 'Indicative' figures published
- [Susan Acland-Hood letter to Robin Walker, Chair ESC -NFF update \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)