

School Funding 2022/23

Report to the Schools Forum 13 January 2022

- 1.1 At the Autumn 2021 Forums, in September and November 2021, papers were presented summarising the information released by the DfE up until that point concerning 2022/23 funding. Shortly before Christmas final allocations for the Schools, High Needs and Central School Services DSG blocks were issued. The final early years DSG allocation will not be released until Summer 2022, as it is based partly upon the January 2022 census, but the funding rates have been announced (see separate early years paper presented to this Forum).
- 1.2 In addition the DfE released details of additional funding “to provide support for the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy [i.e. the 1.25% increase in employers National Insurance contributions] and wider costs”. This “schools supplementary grant” is not part of DSG for 2022/23 and will be allocated to schools based on a DfE formula (details below). For T&W mainstream schools it amounts to additional funding of around £4m or around 2.8% of the Schools Block.

Mainstream School Funding – Schools Block

- 1.3 Final pupil numbers were similar to those that had been used for modelling purposes and the sum allocated of £143.5m was broadly as anticipated. T&W’s cabinet agreed on Thursday 6 January that we should continue to mirror the DfE’s national funding formula (NFF) for schools as far as possible.
- 1.4 In 2021/22 we were able to allocate slightly more than the NFF amounts due to timing differences in the data used to arrive at local authority DSG allocations compared to the data used to distribute these funds to schools. However, this position is reversed in 2022/23 for two reasons. Firstly, the timing differences have had a contrary impact in 2022/23 and secondly the amount distributed via growth funding will exceed the amount allocated by the DfE for this purpose by £195,000. This is despite the methodology for distributing growth funding having been amended (see November 2021 Forum) so that in eligible schools only entry year growth, unless growth in other year groups has been specifically requested by the local authority, is funded using estimated numbers.
- 1.5 T&W primary schools 2022/23 NFF funding factors are shown below, with 2021/22 shown for comparison purposes.

2022/23 Primary School Funding Factors

	T&W 2021/22	NFF 2022/23	T&W 2022/23
AWPU	£3,137	£3,217	£3,198
FSM	£462	£470	£467
FSM6	£577	£590	£587
IDACI A	£623	£640	£636
IDACI B	£477	£490	£487
IDACI C	£447	£460	£457

IDACI D	£412	£420	£418
IDACI E	£261	£270	£268
IDACI F	£216	£220	£219
Low Prior Attainment	£1,100	£1,130	£1,124
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	£552	£565	£562
Mobility	£904	£925	£920
Lump sum	£117,800	£121,300	£121,300

1.4 The factor amounts for secondary schools are as follows:

2022/23 Secondary School Funding Factors

	T&W 2021/22	NFF 2022/23	T&W 2022/23
AWPU KS3	£4,424	£4,536	£4,510
AWPU KS4	£4,985	£5,112	£5,083
FSM	£462	£470	£467
FSM6	£844	£865	£860
IDACI A	£869	£890	£885
IDACI B	£683	£700	£696
IDACI C	£633	£650	£646
IDACI D	£583	£595	£592
IDACI E	£417	£425	£423
IDACI F	£312	£320	£318
Low Prior Attainment	£1,667	£1,710	£1,700
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	£1,492	£1,530	£1,521
Mobility	£1,296	£1,330	£1,322
Lump sum	£117,800	£121,300	£121,300

1.5 The minimum per pupil funding levels for 2022/23 have been set by the DfE at £4,265 for primary schools and £5,525 for secondary schools.

1.6 T&W Council's Cabinet approved the principles of the funding formula at the meeting held on Thursday 6 January, so we will be able to issue budgets to maintained schools shortly and send the details of the formula to the ESFA to issue to academies.

Mainstream School Funding – Supplementary Grant

- 1.7 The DfE will confirm school level allocations “*in spring 2022*” – so some time after Schools Block budgets are issued. Academies will receive the additional funds from April 2022, in line with maintained schools. The DfE have published details of how school level allocations will be calculated, as follows:
- basic per-pupil rate of £97 for primary pupils
 - basic per-pupil rate of £137 for key stage 3 pupils
 - basic per-pupil rate of £155 for key stage 4 pupils
 - lump sum of £3,680
 - FSM6 per-pupil rate of £85 per eligible primary pupil
 - FSM6 per-pupil rate of £124 per eligible secondary pupil
- 1.8 To give an idea of the impact of this additional funding at school level, applying these rates to T&W schools gives average additional funding of just under £165,000 for a secondary school and just under £40,000 for primary schools. For individual schools the amounts will vary significantly from these averages, depending upon the number of pupils in the school and FSM6 rates.
- 1.9 For T&W mainstream schools, in order to assist budget planning, we will upload onto the Forum webpage our estimates of this additional income.

High Needs Funding

- 1.10 The DfE published provisional high needs block allocations in September. The final allocations, taking into account the number of high needs pupil in schools at the October 2021 census, were released before Christmas and show a further increase of £82K for T&W due to more pupils in special schools and independent placements. This brings the final allocation for 2022/23 to £30.547m, an increase of nearly £2.75m compared to 2021/22.
- 1.11 There was also supplementary grant for high needs amounting to £1m for T&W.

Central School Services

- 1.12 Compared to the provisional allocation, the final allocation decreased by £14K to £1.110m. Reductions due to loss or protection were not quite offset by increasing pupil driven funding.

Summary

- 1.13 The final allocations of Schools, High Needs and Central Services DSG were broadly in line with provisional figures. However for schools and high needs, significant additional funding has been provided through supplementary grant
- 1.14 We will be working on the details of the deployment of the high needs budget over the next couple of months and will update the Forum at the March 2022 meeting.

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