

Report to the Schools Forum 11 January 2018

T&W 2018/19 Growth Fund

- 1.1 As part of the funding changes associated with moving towards a National Funding Formula (NFF) for mainstream schools, the DfE have allocated growth funding to LAs for 2018/19 based on expenditure in 2017/18.
- 1.2 The allocation of £152,000 is based on the 2017/18 allocations of growth funding, consisting of £52,000 to enable Lawley Village Academy to open an additional year 3 / year 4 class and £100,000 for the general growth fund.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the fund for general growth is allocated using the following criteria:
- additional funds to be allocated to schools in which pupil numbers at the October 2018 school census are more than 5% higher than the October 2017 census;
 - funds to be allocated on the basis of 7/12 of the basic per pupil formula rate for all pupil numbers above 5% growth;
 - funds only to be allocated to schools which are not being funded on estimated pupil numbers and in which any increase in the pupil admission number (PAN) has been agreed by the local authority as a response to basic need;
 - if the result of the above is an allocation exceeding the sum available, all allocations to be scaled back by the same proportion until the total growth fund has been spent;
 - if the result of the above is an allocation less than the sum available, remaining funds to be used in the Schools Block in 2019/20;
 - no school is allocated falling rolls funding and pupil growth funding within the same financial year.

The general intention of the growth fund is to support significant growth in mainstream schools occurring as a response to basic need, i.e. the need to have sufficient provision to support the rising pupil numbers in T&W.

- 1.4 ***The Forum is asked to support the allocation of £152,000 to the growth fund for 2018/19, to support the remaining costs of the additional class at Lawley Village Primary, (e.g. the April to August period) and for general growth in response to basic need, the distribution methodology to be as described above.***

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