

## SCHOOLS' FORUM

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### Summary

This report provides an update on the Schools' Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2021-2022, following Schools' Forum agreement to apply the local funding formula, in accordance with the guidance issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

### Decisions

Members of the Schools' Forum are asked to:

1. Note the individual schools' budget settlement for 2021-2022

### Schedule of Background Papers

- Schools' Forum reports: [January 2021](#) and [December 2020](#)
- Dedicated Schools Grant allocation tables: 2021 to 2022  
<https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk/view-latest-funding/DSG/download-funding/organisation/336/FY/2021-to-2022/17-12-2020/ods>
- Schools' Revenue Funding 2021 to 2022: Operational guide – December 2020  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/945784/Schools\\_Operational\\_guide\\_2021\\_to\\_2022\\_V4\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/945784/Schools_Operational_guide_2021_to_2022_V4_.pdf)

## 1.0 Background

1.1 This report confirms the final allocations of the Schools' Block budget for financial year 2021-2022.

## 2.0 Schools' Block Funding

2.1 In December 2020, Schools Forum agreed to continue to use local funding factors as per the national funding formula and apply the recommended Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) rate of 2.00% with no cap rate and to retain a growth fund, utilising the residual funds after applying the agreed formula rates. The 2021-2022 funding factors have been adjusted so that the baseline incorporates the Teachers' Pay Grant (TPG) and the Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) paid in 2020-2021.

<b>Factor</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)	2.00%
Funding Cap (i.e. percentage above which gains will be capped)	No Cap
Movement from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block	None
<b>Total Funds Distributed to Schools through formula</b>	<b>£223,260,390</b>
Available for Growth Fund	£634,666
<b>Total Distributed to Schools through formula and growth Fund</b>	<b>£223,895,056</b>

2.2 Application of these agreements resulted in £223.26 million to be distributed through the funding formula, as illustrated in the following table. Following January's Schools' Forum meeting, the planned local formula and resulting allocations were submitted to and approved by the ESFA.

2.3 Appendix 1 shows the allocations at individual school level. The only change from the indicative figures presented to Schools' Forum in January 2020 is an adjustment to the number on roll for one school, which has resulted in a reduction to the amount available for growth funding from 2021-2022 DSG. However, as detailed in the January report, forecast bought forward balances and recoupment related to the growth fund mean the budget can be set at £2.0 million for 2021-2022.

<b>DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SCHOOLS' BLOCK</b>		<b>2021-2022 allocation £million</b>
2021-2022 Schools Block Allocation		223.90
2021-2022 Transfer to High Needs Block		-
2021-2022 Deduction for Growth Fund Allocation		0.64
<b>2021-2022 Schools Block for funding formula</b>		<b>223.26</b>
De-delegation	Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners	0.13
Education functions	Ongoing duties for maintained schools	0.43
Academy Recoupment		153.37
		<b>153.93</b>
<b>FUNDING FORMULA ALLOCATIONS</b>		
Primary Maintained Schools		53.17
Secondary Maintained Schools		16.16
		<b>69.33</b>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS BLOCK</b>		<b>223.26</b>