

MEETING

SCHOOLS FORUM

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY, 2022

AT 4.00 PM

VENUE

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

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Decisions of the Schools Forum

Meeting 25 November 2021

	Name	Representing
	Luke Bridges (LB)	Headteacher - Primary Maintained schools
	Ian Kingham (IK)	Deputy Head – Special Schools
	Robin Archibald (RA)	Headteacher - Primary Academies
	Jo Kelly (JK)	Headteacher – PRUs
	Marc Lewis (ML)	Sub for Gavin Smith (HT, Secondary Academies)
	Annette Long (AL)	Early Years – Maintained Nursery Schools
	Gilbert Knight (GK)	Governor - Special Schools
	Matthew Stevens (MS)	Headteacher - Secondary Academies
	Sarah Sands (SS)	Headteacher - Primary Maintained schools
	Chaya Posen (CP)	Headteacher - Primary Maintained schools
	Simon Horne (SH)	Headteacher - Secondary Maintained schools
	Harvey Freeman (HF)	Governor - Primary Maintained schools
	Ziz Chater (ZC)	Headteacher - Primary Maintained schools
	Sian Morris	Headteacher - Primary Academies
Trade Union:	Keith Nason (KN)	Trade Unions (Barnet NEU)
Councillor:	David Longstaff (Cllr DL)	
LA/BELS Officers:	Ian Harrison (IH)	Chief Executive and Director of Education and Learning, BELS
	Helen Phelan (HP)	Director of SEND and Inclusion
	Gareth Evans (GE)	Finance Manager (Schools)
	Sabrina Burrell (SB)	Senior Business Support Officer, BELS (Minute Taker)
Observer:	Zeenat Syed	Trade Unions (Barnet NEU)

AGENDA ITEM 6

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies given by Lucy Rodgers, Lucy Harrison, Alexander Banks and Sarah Vipond.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of previous meeting 8th July 2021

The meeting of the previous meeting could not be agreed at the meeting held in October as this meeting was not quorate.

The Minutes from the 8th July meeting were agreed

AL asked what the recent announcements on early years funding meant for Barnet's maintained nursery schools. IH said the information had just been received and the finance team would analyse it. Details would be included in the report on the 22-23 budget to the next meeting of the Schools Forum and in the Annual Report on School Funding at the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee in January. Officers would discuss with the maintained nursery schools ahead of that.

There were no other matters arising.

The notes of the previous inquorate meeting on 7th October were noted.

4. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership update

IH gave a membership update and apologised for the late circulation of the paper but explained that this was because the deadline for nominations had closed 3 days before and it was important to agree membership changes at this meeting so that vacancies could be filled now and new members can attend the next meeting.

IH explained that it was proposed to retain the current membership numbers for all categories other than for primary and secondary schools. In order to minimise the number of vacancies and to retain/appoint all the people who have volunteered to be on the Schools Forum, it was proposed to:

- a) Increase the primary and secondary places from 19 to 20 and the total number of places from 26 to 27.
- b) Allocate 11 places to maintained primary and secondary schools and 9 to primary and secondary Academies
- c) Agree not to prescribe the number of primary and secondary representatives by phase, provided that:
 - There is at least one from each phase for both groups; and
 - The overall balance between phases is more or less pro-rata to pupil numbers (within 5%); and
 - There is at least one primary governor and one secondary governor (across maintained school and Academy reps); and
 - There is at least one Academy governor and at least one maintained school governor.

It was noted that, based on current numbers of pupils (May 2021 census), the above proposals would enable all those listed in section 6 of the report to continue as members whilst allowing all those listed in section 7 to become new members of the Schools Forum.

Members agreed to:

- (i) Approve the above proposal for membership.
- (ii) Note that this will mean the continued membership of those listed in 6 above and the appointment from the next meeting of those listed in 7.

- (iii) Agree that the composition of the Forum be kept under review in the light of changes to the balance of provision and numbers of pupils in different types and phases of school.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. SCHEME FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS UPDATE

GE presented the paper which set out proposed updates to the scheme of financing schools, which were in line with government directives. Nothing material has changed other than minor amendments to wording.

The Schools Forum approved the changes to the Scheme for Financing Schools as described in the report.

7. 2022-23 NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA

GE presented the paper on the national funding formula and the expected DSG funding for Barnet.

The report was noted.

8. 2022-23 CENTRAL SCHOOLS SERVICES BLOCK

GE presented the paper. The central schools services block is split into two parts, historic commitments and ongoing responsibilities. The commitments are reduced by approximately 20% every year which this table shows, and for the ongoing responsibilities the Forum needs to agree the funding for the individual lines.

The Schools Forum agreed the figures in the report for ongoing responsibilities in principle and noted that the final figure will be presented to the Forum in January 2022. The Schools Forum also noted the figure for historical commitments of £0.237 million.

9. 2022-23 DE-DELEGATION

GE stated we have proposed to keep almost all the rates the same as last year, therefore no increase in rates and so the contribution from maintained Primary and Secondary schools will remain the same per pupil for those items. There is one exception which is in the school contingency where it is proposed to increase the rate charged to schools. The contingency fund is held for circumstances where there are unforeseen extra charges to a school's budget. This is also the same fund that pays for redundancies for maintained schools that meet the eligibility criteria. £260,000 had been set aside for this, but this year payments have exceeded this as claims have been made for £360,000. As a result an extra £200,000 is requested for dedelegation, bringing the total contingency figure to £460,000 for this 2022-23. The paper shows the increase in the rate. If the whole budget is not spent, this figure can be reduced the following year with unspent provision credited back to schools.

Representatives of maintained Primary Schools voted on each proposal and each was agreed with 6 votes for and none against.

The Representative of maintained Secondary Schools voted on each proposal affected secondary schools and each was agreed with 1 vote for and none against.

The proposals were therefore approved by the Schools Forum.

10. 2022-23 FORMER ESG SERVICES

GE highlighted the proposal to continue to fund the services formerly funded by the Education Services Grant. We have requested this for three years now, and it is a continuation of what we have done before. The amount requested is the same as last year, which is £700,000. The rate may change based on final pupil data that will be available in December. An update will be given in January if the rate does change, but the Schools Forum were requested to approve the proposal based on the indicative rates as shown.

The Schools Forum agreed to approve the proposal to charge the cost of services formerly funded from the ESG to the budgets of maintained schools, maintaining the level of £700,000, in 2022-23.

11. 2022-23 SPLIT SITES & GROWTH FACTORS

GE explained that the paper shows the amounts for schools with split sites and the amounts that schools get for expansions commissioned by the local authority and for taking on bulge classes or extra classes. The figures have been increased in line with the government minimum funding thresholds.

The Schools Forum agreed the existing split-site criteria for 2022-23 and approved the existing Growth Fund criteria for 2022-23.

12. 2022-23 MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE & DISAPPLICATIONS

GE explained that in previous years the council has gone for the maximum MFG allowed and it is proposing to apply the same 2% maximum minimum funding guarantee that we can to schools. It was also noted that in previous years, we have applied to the DfE for dis-applications of the MFG for a handful of expanding all-through schools but this is no longer relevant as they have now filled all year groups.

The Schools Forum noted the MFG range for 2022-23

13. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PLACES PLAN - CONSULTATION

IH stated that consultation has now begun on the draft Special Educational Place Plan (the consultation document) and this will continue until 17th December. Meetings are being organised for various stakeholders. The draft plan states sets out the growth in places required because of the big increase in Education, Health and Care Plans

(EHCPs) over the last few years - over 20% in the last two years, which has meant a big increase in the need for specialist provision in special schools and Additional Resource Provisions attached to mainstream schools (ARPs).

The plan sets out what we proposed in our 2019 special places plan and all the things we have done to fulfil that, together with some additional things we have had to do in the last 12 months because of the continuing big expansion, including expanding ARPs and creating a new ARP at Broadfields Primary school. The draft plan then looks forward to the next three years, projecting the number of extra specialist places required because of the continuing growth in EHCPs. This is set out by type of need and by phase. The plan shows there is a need for an additional 238 extra places in special schools and ARPs.

The draft plan sets out proposals for a mixture of further expansions to special schools and ARPs, including two extra ARPs, one for primary, one for secondary and the creation of a new special school annex for up to 71 pupils. The intention is to open that from next September. We are now expecting the Windmill Academy to open in 2024.

HP added that a complete picture of the needs of children coming through is difficult as many children have really complex needs, so they often have autism along with quite considerable additional learning needs and associated behavioural needs as well.

IH added that the proposals had been developed in discussion with schools and the Parent-Carer Forum

It was noted that the expansion over the next three years of 238 places, is almost a 30% increase in the number of places in special schools and ARPs, and that includes a virtually new school in terms of the special school extension of 71 places, followed by the Windmill Special School a year or two after that, with 91 places.

Members of the Forum were invited to submit individual responses to the consultation by 17th December.

The Schools Forum noted the draft Special Educational Places Plan (the consultation document) and noted that members may submit individual responses.

14. SCHOOLS FORUM JANUARY 22 DRAFT AGENDA

IH made a proposal that training be given at the start of the next meeting, given the number of new members now being appointed or who have recently joined the Forum.

This and the draft agenda were agreed

15. AOB

None

16. APPENDIX 1 - BARNET SEN SPECIAL PLACES PLAN CONSULTATION 2021

The meeting finished at 17:00

7. Schools Forum Membership

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1.1 The current school membership, updated with new members from January 2022, is below

Table 1

Name	Date of end of term of office	Type of Member	Representing
Robin Archibald	30/11/24	Academy - HT	Primary Academy
John Bowra	18/01/24	Academy - Governor	Secondary Academy
Luke Bridges	30/11/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Ziz Chater	30/11/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Simon Horne	18/01/24	Maintained - HT	Secondary Maintained
Joanne Kelly	18/01/24	PRU	PRU
Ian Kingham	18/01/24	Special Schools	Special Academy
Gilbert Knight	18/01/24	Special Schools	Special Maintained
Anette Long	30/11/24	EY – Nursery HT	EY
Keith Nason	18/01/24	Stakeholder - Trade Union	Trade Unions
Sarah Sands	30/11/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Gavin Smith	30/11/24	Academy - HT	Secondary Academy
Matthew Stevens*	07/11/21	Academy - HT	Secondary Academy
Sarah Vipond	18/01/24	EY - PVIs	EY
Anthony Vorou	18/01/24	Maintained - Governor	Primary Maintained
Harvey Freeman	18/01/24	Maintained - Governor	Primary Maintained
Chaya Posen	31/07/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Sian Morris	31/10/24	Academy - HT	Primary Academy

New Members

Kirstie Barrett	31/12/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Liz Longworth	31/12/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Sarah Maltese	31/12/24	Maintained - HT	Primary Maintained
Nicola Curtis	31/12/24	Maintained - Governor	Primary Maintained
Dan Hawkins	31/12/24	Academy - HT	Primary Academy
Clare Wagner	31/12/24	Academy - HT	Secondary Academy
Claire Barnes	31/12/24	Academy - Governor	Secondary Academy
Violet Walker	31/12/24	Academy - HT	Secondary Academy

***with Marc Lewis as named substitute**

1.2 The last review of membership by the Schools Forum was at the meeting in November 2021. It was agreed to increase the number of primary/secondary places from 19 to 20, and the number of Forum members from 26 to 27. It was also agreed to allocate 11 places to maintained schools and 9 places to academies, based on the number of pupils in both provision types on the May 21 census. Finally, it was agreed that the number of primary/secondary places would not be prescribed by phase, provided that:

- There is at least one from each phase for both groups; and
- The overall balance between phases is more or less pro-rata to pupil numbers (within 5%); and

- There is at least one primary governor and one secondary governor (across maintained school and Academy reps); and
- There is at least one Academy governor and at least one maintained school governor.

1.3 All-through schools may be represented on the Forum either as a primary or as a secondary representative.

1.4 Representatives may be headteachers or governors, provided that each category includes at least one headteacher and one governor representative (as per DfE guidance).

1.5 As a result of these changes, the current representation for the Forum can be seen below.

Maintained (Primary & Secondary)	11
Academy (Primary & Secondary)	9
Special Schools	2
Early Years	2
16-19 provider	1
PRUs	1
Trade Unions	1
TOTAL	27

1.6 There is currently 1 vacancy for 16-19 providers, which has proven difficult to fill to date.

Recommendation - Members are asked to note the current membership.

8. 2021/22 DSG and Budget Monitoring

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1.1 The 2021/22 DSG allocations are shown in the table below. The allocations were provisionally amended in July 2021 to take into consideration High Needs Import & Export adjustments which showed a reduction of £0.048m. As reported in October, the LA believed that the allocations would be amended further with a finalisation of the High Needs Import & Export adjustments, and that in fact this reduction will be amended to show an increase to the allocation. This came to pass and the latest DSG allocations for 2021-22 can be seen in the table below

Block	Original DSG Allocation 2021-22*	July 2021 Amended DSG Allocation*	November 2021 amended DSG Allocation*	Variance
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block	153.735	153.735	153.735	0
Central	2.193	2.193	2.193	0
Early Years	30.189	30.189	30.189	0
High Needs	55.27	55.222	55.528	+0.257
DSG Income	241.387	241.339	241.645	+0.257

*After Recoupment

1.2 The November (Month 8) forecast of the DSG (showing the revised DSG budget and the current outturn forecasts) is as below.

Block	Revised Budget £m	August Forecast £m	Variance £m
Schools			
- Individual Schools Budget	150.222	150.222	0
- ESG retained funding	0.700	0.700	0
- Growth Fund	2.814	0.073	(2.741)
Central School Services Block	2.193	2.193	0
Sub-total	155.928	153,188	(2.741)
Early Years Block	30.189	30.189	0
High Needs Block	55.528	56.512	1.026
Sub-total	85.411	86.701	1.026
DSG Income	(241.645)	(241.645)	0
Total DSG	0	(1.715)	(1.715)

1.3 Within the schools block, the amount forecast expenditure for individual school budgets and the ESG retained funding matches the budget. This is unlikely to change through the year.

- 1.4 However, we are showing a significant underspend in the growth fund of £2.741m.
- 1.5 The Central Schools Services block will be spent to match the budget, leaving no under or over spend. This will not change through 2021/22.
- 1.6 The High Needs block is forecasting an overspend of £1.026m. This is due to increasing numbers of placements both in and out of Borough, and increasing numbers of pupils with EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans). Although this level of overspend has reduced from the £1.290m detailed in the October Schools Forum report.
- 1.7 The expenditure in the Early Years block is currently forecast to match the budget. However, the Early Years block is not yet finalised, with in year adjustments yet to be made based in the January 2022 census
- 1.8 Overall, the current forecast at Month 8 is indicating that the DSG reserve will increase by £1.715m in FY 21-22 as shown below

	£m
DSG Reserve brought forward from 20-21	3.244
In Year change	1.715
DSG Carried forward to 22-23	4.959

1.1 The Schools Budget is mainly funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This is made up of four main funding streams, also known as blocks, under the National Funding Formula (NFF) arrangements:

- Schools Block
- Early Years Block
- High Needs Block
- Central School Services Block

1.2 The Schools Block (SB) allocates funding for pupils in Reception to Year 11 in state-funded mainstream schools and academies.

1.3 The Early Years block (EYB) funds early education entitlements for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds in private, voluntary and independent settings, maintained nursery schools and school nursery classes. The funding for 2-year olds is specifically for pupils from households with low incomes.

1.4 The High Needs Block (HNB) supports provision for vulnerable children and young people, mainly those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25, enabling both local authorities and institutions to meet their statutory duties under the [Children and Families Act 2014](#).

1.5 The Department for Education (DfE) created a Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) in 2018/19, using the baseline of the schools block in 2017/18. The CSSB covers funding for historic commitments and funding for ongoing and statutory responsibilities.

1.6 The DfE announced allocations of the gross DSG to local authorities on 16th December 2021. The figures confirm the Schools Block and the Central School Services Block. However, the High Needs Block and the Early Years Block are indicative at this stage and will change during 2021.

1.7 The indicative DSG budget for 2022/23 by block is set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – DSG Allocations and the Indicative Schools Budget	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Block	Total DSG
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Budget Monitoring as at December 2021	153.735	55.528	30.189	2.193	241.645
Add: Academy Funding	132.517				132.517
Add: Funding for places at Academies		5.319			5.319
2020/21 Gross DSG as at December 2020	286.252	60.847	30.189	2.193	379.481
	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Block	Total DSG
2022/23 Gross DSG Block as announced	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
As at Dec 2021	154.140	60.180	28.297	2.266	244.883
Funding for Academies	140.891	5.448			146.339
Growth Fund	2.725				2.725
2021/22 DSG Income	297.756	65.628	28.297	2.266	393.947

1.8 The allocation for the Schools Block is based on October 2021 school census data. A proposed Minimum Funding Guarantee of +2.00% means that every Primary or Secondary school will receive at least this percentage increase per pupil through the formula in 2022/23 (through the pupil-led element of the schools funding formula) above the amount it received in 2021/22.

1.9 In addition, each primary school is guaranteed a minimum of £4,265 per pupil and each secondary school is guaranteed to receive at least £5,525 per pupil in 2022/23.

Allocations by block

1.10 Schools Block - The 2022/23 SB Income is based on the following rates:

- £4,922.40 Primary unit of funding based on 29,653 primary pupils (October 2021 census)
- £6,457.91 Secondary unit of funding based on 22,605 secondary pupils (October 2021 census)
- £5.808m of funding for Pupil Growth and Premises factors
- TOTAL = £297.756m

1.11 High Needs Block - The provisional HNB income for Barnet has been calculated as follows:

- £59.479m - Actual High Needs National Funding Formula allocation
- £4.275m - based on a £5,194.59 per pupil Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) weighted base rate * 823 (pupils in special schools/special academies based on the October 2021 census)
- £0.756m - Import/export adjustment for net 75 imported pupils
- £0.234m – Additional High Needs Funding for Special Free School
- £0.884m – hospital education and teachers’ pay and pension
- TOTAL = £65.828m

The final import/ export adjustment data will be amended based on January 2022 school and FE providers’ HN pupil census data.

1.12 Early Years Block – The Early Years Block is estimated using early years numbers taken from the Early Years and Schools census in January 2021. An update to the 2022/23 EYB allocation will be made once the January 2022 Early Years and Schools census numbers are finalised. The allocation will be finalised in July 2023 based on the January 2023 census numbers. It has been confirmed that the hourly rate received by Barnet has increased by £0.17. It is proposed to increase the basic hourly rate by £0.16 to from £5.29 to £5.45 and the deprivation rate based on IDACI by £0.01 from £0.28 to £0.29 per hour, therefore passing on the increase from the government directly to providers. The DfE funding rate for 2 year-olds has been increased by £0.21 and it is proposed to pass this increase on to providers, thus increasing the rate from £6.08 an hour in 2021-22 to £6.29 an hour in 2022-23. In addition to distributing the EY block funding as indicated above, it is proposed to increase Early Years funding by drawing on carried forward DSG underspend to provide one-off funding in 2022-23 for lump sum payments to maintained nursery schools and a supplementary hourly rate for 3- and 4-year-olds. These proposals are set out in the additional paper on ‘Use of Carried Forward DSG balances’.

1.13 Central School Services Block – The provisional 2022/23 CSSB for Barnet includes the following:

- £2.028m – allocation for ongoing responsibilities (includes retained duties, admissions, licensing and Schools Forum administration)
- £0.238m – Historic commitments allocation, a 20% reduction from 2021/22.
- TOTAL = £2.266m

In addition to distributing the central schools services block funding as indicated above, it is proposed to increase central schools services funding by drawing on carried forward DSG

underspend to provide one-off funding in 2022-23 to schools to support the extra costs of supporting children of families who are new arrivals from Hong Kong or who live in designated hotels for asylum seekers. These proposals are set out in the additional paper on 'Use of Carried Forward DSG balances'.

- 1.14 **APT submission to the DfE** - The council is required to submit a completed Authority Proforma Tool (APT) to the DfE annually, which shows all the detailed calculations and assumptions underpinning the proposals for allocating budgets to schools. For Academies and Free Schools, it captures the data required by the Education and Schools Funding Agency (ESFA) to calculate academy budgets and recoupment deductions to the gross DSG. Table 2 below shows the Schools' Block Funding Factor rates in the National Funding Formula (NFF).

Table 2 - Schools' Pupil led Factor rates (for the APT submission to the DfE)

		2021/22 Barnet Formula		2022/23 NFF rates (Area Cost adjusted)	
Description		Amount per pupil		Amount per pupil	
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,432.24		£3,540.05	
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,840.08		£4,991.51	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,454.44		£5,625.35	
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil
2) Deprivation	FSM	£505.55	£505.55	£517.20	£517.20
	FSM6	£631.94	£923.18	£649.25	£951.86
	IDACI Band F	£236.29	£340.70	£242.09	£352.13
	IDACI Band E	£285.75	£456.09	£297.11	£467.68
	IDACI Band D	£450.60	£637.43	£462.18	£654.75
	IDACI Band C	£489.06	£692.38	£506.19	£715.27
	IDACI Band B	£522.03	£747.33	£539.21	£770.29
	IDACI Band A	£681.39	£950.65	£704.27	£979.37
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC	Not a Factor under NFF		Not a factor under NFF	
4) English as an Additional	EAL 2 Primary	£604.46		£621.74	
	EAL 2 Secondary		£1,632.04		£1,683.64

Language (EAL)					
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£989.12	£1,417.74	£1,017.89	£1,463.56
6) Prior attainment	Low Attainment % old FSP 73	£1,203.43		£1,243.47	
	Secondary low attainment (year 7 - 9)		£1,824.37		£1,881.72
	Secondary low attainment (years 10 to 11)				

1.15 The proposed funding rates for 2022/23 financial year are shown in table 2 above, along with the current factors in the Barnet funding formula for 2021/22. Under the National Funding Formula (NFF), Basic Entitlement Schools Block Factor rates for 2022/23 have been increased by 3% from 2021/22 before the addition of the area cost adjustment. As the Government has announced a public sector pay freeze, this increase represents an increase in school funding in real terms compared to 2020/21. As it is not yet clear what level of pay increases will apply to teachers or school support staff in 2022, it is not yet possible to say whether this increase represents an increase in school funding in real terms compared to 2021/22

1.16 The APT is due for submission on 21 January 2022. The main purpose of this tool is:

- to allow local authorities to model different options for their 2022 to 2023 schools block funding formulae and at the same time act as the proforma which local authorities will submit in January 2022; it is also the mechanism by which we provide the schools block dataset to local authorities
- to capture all the data required by Educations and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to calculate academy budgets, including information on the number of occupied high needs places at special units and resourced provision in mainstream academies to determine the place funding rate
- to enable ESFA to check that the formula has been applied reasonably and in compliance with regulations and conditions of grant, and that central budgets are being allocated in line with regulations
- to enable ESFA to check that at least 99.5% of funding allocated through the schools block element of the DSG is passed through the funding formula set by the local authority, or allocated to the growth fund or falling rolls fund.
- to collect data on maintained schools' schools block budgets for publication
- to use the notional allocations for academies for recoupment purposes; recoupment will continue to take place based on the budget, including the minimum funding guarantee, that the academy would have received as a maintained school

- to give ESFA information about which academies and future converters are judged by the local authority as meeting the criteria to qualify for exceptional factors or MFG exclusions so that these can be considered in their funding allocations.

1.17 In addition to the rates submitted in the APT as shown in Table 2, the authority also must clarify the funding criteria used when allocating growth and split site funding; the criteria for these factors is as previously agreed by Schools Forum and as described below:

1.18 **Growth Fund:**

The **Growth Fund** can only be used only to:

- Support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
- Support additional classes to meet infant class size regulation
- Meet the costs of new schools

Local Authorities(LAs) are responsible for funding the growth needs of all their schools in their area, including new and existing maintained schools and academies. LAs must fund growth needs to all schools on the same criteria. Schools Forum is required to approve the Growth Fund criteria.

The costs of new schools will include the lead-in costs and will also include post start up and diseconomy of scale costs. Growth Fund support should be provided where academies are created to meet basic need.

For 2022/23, the DfE has set minimum per pupil funding (MPPF) amounts for primary schools at £4,265 and for secondary schools at £5,525. In view of this change it is proposed to amend the existing Growth Fund criteria to reflect the MPPF values, where new classes start in September/the autumn term of the financial year 2022/23. This will increase the amounts payable to primary schools from £73,150 to £74,638 and for secondary schools; from £94,763 to £96,688 for each new class of 30.

Schools Forum is also required to approve the size of the Growth Fund, which is estimated to be **£2.725m**.

Growth Criteria:

- *“Bulge classes opened at the request of the local authority - £10,000 one-off start-up grant plus **£74,638** (7/12x£4,265x30) for a primary class of 30 opening in September. **£96,688** (7/12x£5,525x30) for a secondary class of 30 opening in September.*
- *Permanent expansions approved by the local authority - **£74,638** (7/12x£4,265x30) for a primary class of 30 opening in September, **£96,688** (7/12x£5,525x30) for a secondary class of 30 opening in September.*
- *Temporary accommodation costs incurred as a direct result of LA approved expansions.*
- *Independent schools transferring to VA status - Allocation based on funding formula pro-rata for months open, based on previous actual pupils on roll, plus permanent expansion funding if appropriate.*
- *Newly established schools for which the LA is responsible to provide start-up up funding - Start-up funding of £220,000 primary/ £300,000 secondary in LA financial year of opening.*

- *New school phases (expansions to All-through status): New phase start-up funding of £50,000 primary/ £90,000 secondary in LA financial year of opening.*
- *Diseconomies of scale funding will be available to new basic needs academies and maintained schools opening new phases until there are pupils in every year group. No diseconomies of scale funding will be available to independent schools which become maintained. Diseconomies of scale per empty year group, paid from year after opening until pupils in all year groups. Academies are paid these rates in the current financial year with a further 5/12ths payment to cover the full academic year.”*

1.19 **Split site funding:**

The Local Authority intends to use the following criteria for qualifying settings in the APT for 2022/23.

“School buildings on split sites are funded as follows (excludes sports and play areas, premises used for nurseries and sixth forms only and all-through schools where each site is used solely for either primary or secondary phases):

- *The funding rate for a school on a split site is currently £29,958 (primary) or £99,412 (secondary).*
- *All through schools receive the primary split site allocation (£29,958) if they have primary year groups on more than one site, and £19,882.40 per secondary year group (£99,412/5) located across more than one site. This is increased by part year fractions as schools expand across sites.*
- *Secondary schools on split sites also receive an allowance for staff travel between sites, depending on how far apart the two sites are. The rate is £53,492. If the buildings are very close and simply separated by a public road this rate is multiplied by 0.2. If further apart the multiplier is 1.4.”*

1.20 The schools block income for 2022/23 as shown in table 1 above is £297.756 million. The draft 2021/22 schools block expenditure as submitted on the APT is broken down as follows:

Split site & lump sum	£16.011m
NNDR allocations	£2.901m
Formula funding and MFG allocations	£276.119m
Growth funding	£2.725m
Total Schools Block expenditure	£297.756m

Appendix 1 shows the indicative MFG and school factors funding allocations for individual schools compared with 2021/2022 for each school for the Schools Block. These may be subject to data corrections and will be verified by the DfE before final confirmation to schools. The figures do not include Growth, Post-16, early years or SEN funding.

Recommendations:

We are asking that Schools Forum

- i. Notes the 2022/23 draft budget as shown in Table 1.
- ii. Notes and agrees the 2022/23 formula factor rates used in the APT submission (National Funding Formula rates) as shown in Table 2. (all voting members)
- iii. Notes and agrees Growth Fund criteria and amount; and Split Site criteria. (all voting members)

Appendix 1

LAESTAB	School Name	Total Funding 2021/22	2021/22 Baseline (excludes School Factors and MFG, includes Minimum Funding per pupil factor)	2021/22 Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	2021/22 Pupils	2021/22 Unit Value
Totals		£283,465,276	£256,717,358	£282,182,829	52,037	
All-Through Schools						
3023521	St Mary's and St John's CofE School	£8,219,129	£7,908,957	£8,156,748	1,460	£5,499
3026905	London Academy	£8,368,552	£7,923,334	£8,368,552	1,321	£5,996
3026906	Wren Academy	£6,913,503	£6,664,048	£6,913,503	1,308	£5,095
Sub-Total		£23,501,184	£22,496,340	£23,438,804	4,090	
Primary Schools						
3022002	Barnfield Primary School	£2,198,184	£1,852,435	£2,179,403	415	£4,464
3022003	Bell Lane Primary School	£1,812,270	£1,584,710	£1,795,811	353	£4,489
3022007	Brookland Junior School	£1,569,295	£1,411,207	£1,553,561	358	£3,942
3022008	Brookland Infant and Nursery School	£1,298,061	£1,148,513	£1,286,384	269	£4,270
3022009	Brunswick Park Primary and Nursery School	£2,061,315	£1,738,670	£2,042,919	419	£4,150
3022010	Childs Hill School	£1,974,897	£1,707,937	£1,974,897	371	£4,604
3022011	Church Hill School	£1,004,452	£853,951	£995,386	209	£4,086
3022014	Colindale Primary School	£3,096,401	£2,783,823	£3,068,043	628	£4,433
3022015	Coppetts Wood Primary School	£1,198,078	£940,667	£1,188,436	210	£4,479
3022016	Courtland School	£1,003,028	£811,217	£994,078	210	£3,863
3022017	Cromer Road Primary School	£1,854,771	£1,678,105	£1,836,860	402	£4,174
3022019	Deansbrook Infant School	£1,130,766	£940,807	£1,121,386	213	£4,417
3022023	Edgware Primary School	£2,467,802	£2,296,526	£2,444,618	502	£4,575
3022024	Fairway Primary School and Children's Centre	£1,051,678	£868,697	£1,042,666	197	£4,410
3022025	Foulds School	£1,366,340	£1,187,073	£1,353,092	318	£3,773
3022026	Frith Manor Primary School	£2,267,825	£2,053,563	£2,246,315	497	£4,132
3022027	Garden Suburb Junior School	£1,596,650	£1,407,680	£1,581,341	351	£4,010
3022028	Garden Suburb Infant School	£1,206,004	£1,055,568	£1,195,780	233	£4,531
3022029	Goldbeaters Primary School	£2,231,573	£1,915,026	£2,212,367	414	£4,626
3022031	Hollickwood Primary School	£1,068,066	£818,569	£1,059,666	186	£4,401
3022032	Holly Park Primary School	£2,008,651	£1,793,894	£1,989,432	438	£4,096
3022036	Livingstone Primary and Nursery School	£1,359,419	£1,065,400	£1,348,337	236	£4,514
3022037	Manorside Primary School	£1,321,169	£1,107,026	£1,309,746	265	£4,177
3022041	Sacks Morasha Jewish Primary School	£895,182	£723,746	£895,182	202	£3,583
3022042	Monkfrith Primary School	£1,843,083	£1,630,043	£1,825,041	425	£3,875
3022043	Moss Hall Junior School	£1,935,140	£1,798,159	£1,915,561	447	£4,023
3022044	Moss Hall Infant School	£1,661,500	£1,478,415	£1,646,439	351	£4,212
3022045	Northside Primary School	£1,140,779	£896,392	£1,131,433	211	£4,248
3022054	Woodridge Primary School	£952,216	£791,784	£943,488	207	£3,825
3022055	Tudor Primary School	£1,102,143	£909,691	£1,092,986	200	£4,548
3022057	Underhill School	£2,332,482	£2,045,615	£2,311,829	449	£4,556
3022060	Whitings Hill Primary School	£2,399,176	£1,775,015	£2,380,162	421	£4,216
3022067	Chalgrove Primary School	£1,186,589	£1,002,479	£1,176,235	234	£4,284
3022070	Sunnyfields Primary School	£1,127,773	£931,750	£1,118,071	209	£4,458
3022071	Queenswell Infant & Nursery School	£1,010,247	£819,840	£1,002,487	177	£4,632
3022072	Queenswell Junior School	£1,624,327	£1,394,246	£1,609,523	325	£4,290
3022073	Danegrove Primary School	£2,840,689	£2,629,283	£2,812,821	622	£4,275
3022076	Wessex Gardens Primary School	£1,804,803	£1,600,391	£1,788,708	353	£4,534
3022077	The Orion Primary School	£4,945,848	£4,124,693	£4,904,686	866	£4,763
3022078	Pardes House Primary School	£1,490,492	£1,334,798	£1,475,702	348	£3,836
3022079	Beis Yaakov Primary School	£1,842,848	£1,620,428	£1,824,474	434	£3,882
3023300	All Saints' CofE Primary School NW2	£940,995	£808,462	£932,868	171	£4,728
3023302	Christ Church Primary School	£939,461	£800,937	£930,563	209	£3,832
3023304	Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	£983,621	£835,274	£974,696	199	£4,197
3023305	Monken Hadley CofE Primary School	£723,319	£592,243	£716,936	150	£3,948
3023307	St John's CofE Junior Mixed and Infant School	£960,801	£805,436	£951,844	209	£3,854
3023309	St John's CofE Primary School	£956,881	£809,056	£947,910	211	£3,834
3023311	St Mary's CofE Primary School	£1,815,781	£1,655,555	£1,797,981	411	£4,028
3023312	St Mary's CofE Primary School, East Barnet	£966,872	£833,794	£957,781	212	£3,933
3023313	St Paul's CofE Primary School N11	£946,411	£813,558	£938,086	186	£4,374
3023314	St Paul's CofE Primary School NW7	£954,742	£822,209	£945,796	206	£3,991
3023315	St Andrew's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School, Totter	£948,453	£801,270	£939,672	208	£3,852
3023316	Trent CofE Primary School	£967,355	£832,078	£958,345	212	£3,925
3023317	All Saints' CofE Primary School N20	£1,019,903	£864,380	£1,010,550	212	£4,077
3023500	The Annunciation Catholic Infant School	£686,404	£530,794	£680,822	129	£4,115
3023501	Our Lady of Lourdes RC School	£973,765	£788,658	£965,115	199	£3,963
3023502	St Agnes RC School	£1,794,072	£1,622,005	£1,777,762	367	£4,420

2021/22 Pupils	2021/22 Unit Value	2021/22 Baseline (excludes School Factors and MFG, includes Minimum Funding per pupil factor)	2021/22 MFG adjustment	2021/22 Guaranteed Level of Funding(MFG +2.00%)	2021/22 Schools Factors(including lump sum, split sites and rates)	2021/22 Total Funding(provisional including MFG and Schools Factors)	2021/22 Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	Increase/(Decrease) in Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	Increase/(Decrease) in Pupil Numbers
52,542		£271,397,129	£4,583,193	£275,980,322	£18,912,486	£295,031,001	£293,549,040	£11,366,211	505
1,455	£5,731	£8,217,488	£0	£8,217,488	£295,966	£8,513,454	£8,441,561	£284,813	(5)
1,373	£6,281	£8,623,503	£10,445	£8,633,948	£224,482	£8,858,430	£8,858,430	£489,877	52
1,331	£5,269	£7,013,107	£0	£7,013,107	£161,751	£7,174,858	£7,174,858	£261,355	23
4,159		£23,854,098	£10,445	£23,864,542	£682,199	£24,546,742	£24,474,849	£1,036,045	69
419	£4,653	£1,949,423	£145,721	£2,095,144	£163,731	£2,258,875	£2,237,166	£57,764	4
359	£4,822	£1,730,978	£0	£1,730,978	£155,231	£1,886,209	£1,866,759	£70,948	6
358	£4,199	£1,503,197	£0	£1,503,197	£153,564	£1,656,761	£1,638,309	£84,748	0
270	£4,419	£1,193,172	£0	£1,193,172	£153,564	£1,346,736	£1,333,056	£46,672	1
421	£4,311	£1,815,017	£122,327	£1,937,345	£173,381	£2,110,725	£2,089,240	£46,321	2
406	£4,899	£1,988,967	£32,983	£2,021,950	£163,481	£2,185,431	£2,185,431	£210,534	35
208	£4,192	£872,037	£0	£872,037	£154,518	£1,026,555	£1,016,033	£20,646	(1)
627	£4,688	£2,939,068	£0	£2,939,068	£245,321	£3,184,388	£3,151,418	£83,375	(1)
210	£4,620	£970,200	£79,698	£1,049,898	£168,767	£1,218,665	£1,207,552	£19,115	0
210	£4,121	£865,342	£0	£865,342	£154,314	£1,019,656	£1,009,074	£14,996	0
415	£4,342	£1,801,761	£0	£1,801,761	£172,317	£1,974,078	£1,952,614	£115,754	13
217	£4,731	£1,026,613	£0	£1,026,613	£151,106	£1,177,719	£1,166,561	£45,175	4
459	£4,796	£2,201,487	£0	£2,201,487	£157,433	£2,358,920	£2,344,423	£(110,195)	(43)
203	£4,609	£935,726	£0	£935,726	£184,196	£1,119,922	£1,099,162	£66,496	6
317	£3,912	£1,240,013	£0	£1,240,013	£167,529	£1,407,542	£1,391,990	£38,897	(1)
454	£4,348	£1,973,819	£0	£1,973,819	£176,478	£2,150,297	£2,127,153	£(119,162)	(43)
337	£4,323	£1,456,904	£0	£1,456,904	£153,024	£1,609,927	£1,592,561	£11,220	(14)
222	£4,629	£1,027,653	£0	£1,027,653	£153,024	£1,180,677	£1,169,275	£(26,504)	(11)
412	£4,834	£1,991,413	£112,418	£2,103,831	£158,981	£2,262,812	£2,240,791	£28,424	(2)
185	£4,713	£871,987	£56,255	£928,242	£153,106	£1,081,348	£1,071,491	£11,825	(1)
416	£4,280	£1,780,298	£10,875	£1,791,173	£159,731	£1,950,904	£1,929,551	£(59,880)	(22)
211	£4,711	£993,974	£102,589	£1,096,563	£156,981	£1,253,543	£1,242,111	£(106,226)	(25)
238	£4,341	£1,033,069	£29,813	£1,062,883	£161,129	£1,224,012	£1,211,916	£(97,829)	(27)
420	£3,707	£778,456	£26,767	£805,224	£135,821	£941,045	£941,045	£45,862	8
213	£3,990	£1,687,645	£16,980	£1,704,625	£163,981	£1,868,606	£1,847,676	£22,635	(2)
445	£4,183	£1,861,328	£0	£1,861,328	£149,481	£2,010,808	£1,988,042	£72,481	(2)
356	£4,410	£1,569,898	£0	£1,569,898	£149,481	£1,719,379	£1,701,407	£54,969	5
210	£4,370	£917,682	£73,966	£991,648	£163,945	£1,155,594	£1,144,900	£13,467	(1)
205	£4,036	£827,457	£0	£827,457	£152,568	£980,025	£969,859	£26,370	(2)
214	£4,838	£1,035,385	£0	£1,035,385	£160,522	£1,195,906	£1,184,549	£91,564	14
483	£4,889	£2,361,173	£0	£2,361,173	£186,481	£2,547,653	£2,521,567	£209,738	34
421	£4,363	£1,836,936	£379,111	£2,216,047	£226,581	£2,442,628	£2,420,502	£40,340	0
227	£4,482	£1,017,380	£0	£1,017,380	£163,267	£1,180,647	£1,168,939	£(7,296)	(7)
207	£4,680	£968,849	£10,167	£979,016	£158,680	£1,137,696	£1,126,754	£8,683	(2)
171	£4,531	£774,762	£57,353	£832,115	£164,713	£996,828	£988,035	£(14,451)	(6)
290	£4,603	£1,334,794	£7,413	£1,342,208	£149,075	£1,491,282	£1,475,974	£(133,549)	(35)
616	£4,493	£2,737,79							

Appendix 1

LAESTAB	School Name	2021/22 Total Funding(provisional including MFG and Schools Factors)	2021/22 Baseline (excludes School Factors and MFG, includes Minimum Funding per pupil factor)	2021/22 Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	2021/22 Pupils	2021/22 Unit Value
3023504	St Catherine's RC School	£1,825,028	£1,670,372	£1,807,165	417	£4,006
3023506	St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	£1,285,155	£1,127,398	£1,273,165	284	£3,970
3023507	St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	£830,684	£697,372	£823,163	176	£3,962
3023509	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	£2,199,573	£2,058,045	£2,178,434	486	£4,235
3023510	Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School	£1,693,164	£1,535,292	£1,676,253	396	£3,877
3023511	Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School	£2,044,305	£1,784,091	£2,026,146	405	£4,405
3023512	Rosh Pinah Primary School	£1,576,320	£1,395,381	£1,560,741	374	£3,834
3023513	Menorah Primary School	£1,593,210	£1,424,815	£1,577,283	380	£3,839
3023514	The Annunciation RC Junior School	£1,021,129	£876,006	£1,011,867	207	£4,232
3023516	Hasmonean Primary School	£945,545	£799,482	£936,854	204	£3,919
3023518	Woodcroft Primary School	£2,093,062	£1,801,635	£2,075,104	390	£4,620
3023520	Akiva School	£1,767,768	£1,526,127	£1,750,372	420	£3,872
3023523	Martin Primary School	£2,883,412	£2,604,837	£2,856,232	621	£4,195
3023524	Beit Shvidler Primary School	£876,483	£718,731	£868,552	188	£3,823
3025201	Osidge Primary School	£1,819,833	£1,671,632	£1,802,642	394	£4,243
3025948	Mathilda Marks-Kennedy Jewish Primary School	£923,080	£773,146	£914,316	209	£3,699
3025949	Menorah Foundation School	£1,616,200	£1,402,709	£1,600,276	379	£3,838
3022001	Etz Chaim Jewish Primary School	£833,099	£683,900	£833,099	183	£3,737
3022004	Rimon Jewish Primary School	£908,489	£740,892	£908,489	193	£3,839
3022018	Deansbrook Junior School	£1,673,083	£1,484,882	£1,673,083	340	£4,367
3022020	Alma Primary	£930,333	£780,033	£930,333	208	£3,750
3022030	Grasvenor Avenue Infant School	£466,913	£334,953	£466,913	69	£4,854
3022038	Parkfield Primary School	£1,878,944	£1,703,168	£1,878,944	376	£4,530
3022047	The Hyde School	£2,088,937	£1,751,516	£2,088,937	410	£4,272
3022048	Millbrook Park Primary School	£1,952,489	£1,774,291	£1,952,489	419	£4,253
3022049	Watling Park School	£1,909,145	£1,659,180	£1,909,145	352	£4,714
3022050	Ashmole Primary School	£1,467,069	£1,265,845	£1,467,069	333	£3,801
3022051	Summerside Primary Academy	£1,807,141	£1,631,298	£1,807,141	358	£4,557
3023515	Independent Jewish Day School	£893,479	£742,147	£893,479	203	£3,656
3023519	Broadfields Primary School	£3,019,985	£2,755,096	£3,019,985	634	£4,346
3023522	Clairemont Primary School	£1,665,585	£1,408,877	£1,665,585	297	£4,744
3022053	Noam Primary	£899,342	£765,373	£891,175	197	£3,885
3022021	Dollis Primary	£2,332,338	£2,005,665	£2,312,375	443	£4,527
	Sub-Total	£138,581,173	£120,097,819	£137,538,890	28,611	
	Secondary Schools					
3024003	Friern Barnet School	£5,138,445	£4,899,196	£5,106,591	760	£6,446
3024004	Menorah High School for Girls	£1,633,163	£1,486,695	£1,622,691	278	£5,348
3025404	St Michael's Catholic Grammar School	£3,372,911	£2,997,296	£3,351,541	561	£5,346
3025405	Finchley Catholic High School	£5,181,245	£4,989,730	£5,147,072	885	£5,638
3025407	St James' Catholic High School	£6,560,407	£6,395,322	£6,518,256	1,057	£6,053
3025427	JCoSS	£6,600,273	£5,494,333	£6,562,509	996	£5,516
3024000	St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School	£4,179,320	£3,891,891	£4,179,320	652	£5,969
3024001	The Archer Academy	£4,912,073	£4,600,223	£4,912,073	800	£5,888
3024010	The Totteridge Academy	£4,586,017	£4,012,523	£4,586,017	642	£6,250
3024011	Saracens High School	£3,769,408	£3,632,171	£3,769,408	571	£6,367
3024012	Whitefield School	£4,523,487	£4,222,089	£4,523,487	605	£6,979
3024208	Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	£5,660,613	£5,446,107	£5,660,613	922	£5,907
3024210	Cophthall School	£4,748,581	£4,508,726	£4,748,581	709	£6,359
3024211	Christ's College Finchley	£4,610,509	£4,429,549	£4,610,509	720	£6,152
3024212	East Barnet School	£6,764,616	£6,554,028	£6,764,616	1,128	£5,810
3024215	The Compton School	£6,492,957	£6,332,340	£6,492,957	1,046	£6,054
3024752	The Henrietta Barnett School	£2,998,860	£2,713,595	£2,998,860	520	£5,218
3025400	Hendon School	£6,570,522	£6,397,276	£6,570,522	991	£6,455
3025401	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	£5,381,971	£4,996,434	£5,381,971	950	£5,279
3025402	Mill Hill County High School	£7,243,852	£7,053,346	£7,243,852	1,240	£5,688
3025406	Ashmole Academy	£7,574,403	£7,308,700	£7,574,403	1,302	£5,613
3025408	Bishop Douglass School Finchley	£4,412,177	£3,864,487	£4,412,177	600	£6,441
3025409	Hasmonean High School for Boys	£2,978,723	£2,772,017	£2,978,723	498	£5,566
3024014	Hasmonean High School for Girls	£2,622,423	£2,438,550	£2,622,423	446	£5,468
3024013	ARK Pioneer Academy	£2,865,961	£2,686,576	£2,865,961	458	£5,866
	Sub-Total	£121,382,919	£114,123,199	£121,205,135	19,336	

2021/22 Pupils	2021/22 Unit Value	2021/22 Baseline (excludes School Factors and MFG, includes Minimum Funding per pupil factor)	2021/22 MFG adjustment	2021/22 Guaranteed Level of Funding(MFG +2.00%)	2021/22 Schools Factors(including lump sum, split sites and rates)	2021/22 Total Funding(provisional including MFG and Schools Factors)	2021/22 Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	Increase/(Decrease) in Post Delegation and Education Functions Budgets	Increase/(Decrease) in Pupil Numbers
418	£4,170	£1,743,235	£0	£1,743,235	£140,227	£1,883,462	£1,862,554	£55,389	1
286	£4,155	£1,188,345	£0	£1,188,345	£137,017	£1,325,362	£1,311,210	£38,044	2
171	£4,229	£723,128	£0	£723,128	£137,329	£860,457	£851,776	£28,612	(5)
3023509	£4,480	£1,975,539	£0	£1,975,539	£145,545	£2,121,084	£2,098,532	£(80,081)	(45)
441	£4,028	£1,566,873	£0	£1,566,873	£138,343	£1,705,216	£1,685,648	£9,395	(7)
389	£4,592	£1,910,231	£87,361	£1,997,592	£137,667	£2,135,259	£2,113,734	£(87,588)	11
355	£3,889	£1,372,374	£3,750	£1,376,124	£146,481	£1,530,825	£1,513,433	£(47,309)	(19)
379	£3,913	£1,478,210	£0	£1,478,210	£138,291	£1,621,245	£1,602,596	£25,313	(1)
182	£4,401	£801,016	£0	£801,016	£137,910	£938,926	£929,450	£(82,418)	(25)
198	£4,105	£812,732	£0	£812,732	£150,079	£962,811	£952,776	£15,922	(6)
382	£4,832	£1,845,768	£77,536	£1,923,304	£167,981	£2,091,285	£2,070,924	£(4,181)	(8)
421	£3,948	£1,590,719	£0	£1,590,719	£145,649	£1,807,733	£1,787,172	£36,800	1
621	£4,418	£2,743,474	£6,886	£2,750,359	£190,405	£2,940,764	£2,908,653	£52,421	0
196	£4,035	£790,778	£0	£790,778	£141,474	£932,252	£922,537	£53,985	8
414	£4,547	£1,882,297	£0	£1,882,297	£140,495	£2,022,792	£2,001,500	£198,858	20
205	£3,826	£784,343	£0	£784,343	£147,625	£931,968	£921,888	£7,572	(4)
359	£3,893	£1,393,133	£4,013	£1,397,146	£165,461	£1,562,128	£1,549,491	£(50,785)	(20)
164	£3,852	£631,648	£0	£631,648	£153,216	£784,864	£784,864	£(48,236)	(19)
194	£3,896	£755,897	£30,283	£786,180	£141,697	£927,877	£927,877	£19,388	1
323	£4,507	£1,455,885	£29,978	£1,485,863	£139,684	£1,625,547	£1,625,547	£(47,535)	(17)
207	£3,851	£797,103	£8,321	£805,424	£136,887	£942,311	£942,311	£11,978	(1)
55	£4,873	£268,005	£1,061	£269,066	£135,977	£405,042	£405,042	£(61,871)	(14)
379	£4,812	£1,823,561	£0	£1,823,561	£147,449	£1,971,010	£1,971,010	£92,066	3
419	£4,477	£1,875,916	£155,690	£2,031,605	£139,949	£2,171,555	£2,171,555	£(82,618)	9
384	£4,410	£1,693,587	£0	£1,693,587	£154,869	£1,848,456	£1,848,456	£(104,033)	(35)
364	£4,973	£1,810,264	£47,081	£1,857,345	£148,249	£2,005,594	£2,005,594	£96,449	12
395	£3,950	£1,560,104	£0	£1,560,104	£205,241	£1,765,345	£1,765,345	£298,276	62
386	£4,737	£1,828,393	£2,825	£1,831,218	£142,059	£1,973,277	£1,973,277	£166,136	28
197	£3,794	£747,371	£0	£747,371	£150,433	£897,804	£897,804	£4,325	(6)
651	£4,587	£2,986,048	£12,944	£2,999,992	£156,577	£3,155,568	£3,155,568	£135,583	17
296	£4,975	£1,472,639	£78,185	£1,550,824	£140,033	£1,690,857	£1,690,857	£25,272	(1)
204	£4,037	£823,629	£0	£823,629	£137,986	£961,615	£951,621	£60,446	7
415	£4,762	£1,976,120	£69,427	£2,045,547	£191,593	£2,237,140	£2,215,330	£(97,045)	(28)
28,373		£124,742,908	£2,450,139	£127,193,047	£13,902,527	£141,233,767	£140,032,962	£2,494,072	-238
721	£6,811	£4,911,004	£0	£4,911,004	£194,129	£5,105,133	£5,070,303	£(36,288)	(39)
299	£5,527	£1,652,596	£0	£1,652,596	£140,649	£1,793,245	£1,780,010	£157,320	21
591	£5,549	£3,277,385	£183,585	£3,460,969	£150,225	£3,611,194	£3,584,872	£233,331	30
889	£5,846	£5,197,467	£0	£5,197,467	£159,390	£5,356,857	£5,316,708	£169,636	4
1,095	£6,351	£6,952,618	£0	£6,952,618	£169,923	£7,122,541	£7,071,338	£55,841	38
991	£5,669	£5,618,344	£890,315	£6,508,658	£187,041	£6,695,699	£6,651,775	£89,267	(5)
615	£6,186	£3,804,636	£54,255	£3,858,891	£168,485	£4,027,376	£4,027,376	£(151,944)	(37)
815	£6,037	£4,809,881	£0	£4,809,881	£303,418	£5,113,299	£5,113,299	£201,226	15
751	£6,350	£4,768,691	£513,822	£5,282,513	£158,753	£5,441,266	£5,441,266	£855,248	109
753	£6,685	£5,030,630	£0	£5,030,630	£141,254	£5,171,884	£5,171,884	£1,402,475	182
612	£7,297	£4,466,010	£37,745	£4,503,755	£158,545	£4,662,300	£4,662,300	£138,812	7
960	£6,053	£5,810,942	£28,059	£5,839,002	£162,697	£6,001,699	£6,001,699	£341,085	38
700	£6,621	£4,634,962	£0	£4,634,962	£152,444	£4,787,405	£4,787,405	£38,824	(9)
769	£6,387	£4,911,354	£0	£4,911,354	£170,288	£5,081,642	£5,081,642	£471,132	49
1,130	£6,025	£6,808,685	£0	£6,808,685	£203,851	£7,012,537	£7,012,537	£247,921	2
1,043	£6,227	£6,495,119	£0	£6,495,119	£153,629	£6,648,748	£6,648,748	£155,791	(3)
518	£5,405	£2,800,010	£95,631	£2,895,640	£149,037	£3,044,677	£3,044,677	£45,816	(2)
1,020	£6,767	£6,							

10. 2022-23 Central Schools Services Block -Agreement Line by Line

AGENDA ITEM 10

- 1.1 The Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) is formulated to cover both historic commitments and ongoing responsibilities. The former are fixed amounts committed in 2012-13 and cannot be increased under the National Funding Formula. The Department for Education (DfE) expects that historical commitments will reduce over time and therefore have reduced allocations by 20% for 2022-23.
- 1.2 Ongoing responsibilities includes funding for duties for all pupils within the Local Authority (LA) boundary, admissions and appeals, Schools Forum administration and copyright licensing.
- 1.3 Schools Forum is required to approve Central Services Block amounts, except for Copyright Licensing, which is negotiated on behalf of all LAs by the DfE. The DfE published final allocations in December 2021 which were slightly higher than the indicative allocations published July 2021. Barnet’s allocation increased £0.026m to total £2.265m.
- 1.4 The CSSB for 2022-23 is £2.266 million comprising a Historical commitment to combined budgets of £0.237 million (a reduction £0.059 million from 2021-22) and ongoing responsibilities of £2.028 million for:

		2022/23 £m	2021/22 £m
Historic Commitments	Safer Families	0.093	0.116
	CAF Team	0.144	0.18
Ongoing Responsibilities	School Admissions	0.401	0.401
	Servicing of Schools Forum	0.034	0.034
	Copyright Licensing Costs	0.289	0.287
	Education Welfare Service	0.465	0.419
	Asset Management	0.041	0.037
	Statutory/Regulatory Duties	0.798	0.719
TOTAL		2.265	2.193

1.5 The fall in funding for Historical Commitments will mean a £0.059m reduction in the charge for combined budgets from the General Fund. The final figure for ongoing responsibilities was based on the October 2021 census.

1.6 In addition to distributing the central schools services block funding as indicated above, it is proposed to increase central schools services funding by drawing on carried forward DSG underspend to provide one-off funding in 2022-23 to schools to support the extra costs of supporting children of families who are new arrivals from Hong Kong or who live in designated hotels for asylum seekers. These proposals are set out in the additional paper on ‘Use of Carried Forward DSG balances’.

Recommendation – Schools Forum is asked to approve expenditure lines that comprise the Central School Services Block.

11. 2022/23 De-delegation and former ESG funded services – revised rates

AGENDA ITEM 11

1 Dedelegation

1.1 In November 2021, Schools Forum agreed to de-delegate the following services:

- Behaviour Support (primary maintained schools)
- Narrowing the Gap (primary and secondary maintained schools)
- Trade Union Duties (primary and secondary maintained schools)
- Additional School Improvement Services (primary and secondary maintained schools)
- School Contingency, including redundancy costs for Schools in Financial Difficulty (primary and secondary maintained schools)

1.2 The rates reported were calculated on the basis of pupil numbers based on the previous census. The rates have now been adjusted to take account of the updated figures in the October 2021 census. The revised de-delegation rates are shown in the table below. These revised amounts ensure that the total amount de-delegated for each service and for each phase remain the same as last year. The change in rate reflects the fact that the number of primary school pupils has decreased (hence an increase in rates) and the number of secondary pupils has increased (hence a decrease in rates). Narrowing the gap is the exception where de-delegation rate applies to the number of FSM6 pupils rather than the total number of pupils. FSM6 numbers have increased in both primary and secondary phases.

De-Delegated Services	2022/23 Final		2022/23 Provisional		2021/22	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil	£ per pupil
Behaviour Support	3.22		3.18		3.18	
Narrowing the Gap	12.33	11.02	12.34	11.37	12.34	11.37
Trade Union Duties	1.66	1.45	1.64	1.47	1.64	1.47
Additional Schools Improvement Service	4.15	3.61	4.09	3.66	4.09	3.66
Schools Contingency (inc Schools in Financial Difficulty)	15.89	14.71	15.67	14.88	8.87	8.42

2 Services previously funded from the Education Services Grant

2.1 In November 2021, Schools Forum also agreed to approve the proposal for 2022/23 to continue charging the cost of services formerly funded from the ESG to the budgets of maintained schools, at the current year (2021/22) level of £0.700m. It was reported that this would mean a deduction from budgets of approximately £23.61 for maintained primary and secondary schools and that the final figure would be available once 2022/23 pupil numbers are known.

2.2 Based on the October 2021 census numbers the final per pupil amount is £23.83 per pupil in maintained primary and secondary schools.

Recommendation – Schools Forum is asked to note the revised rates per pupil based on adjustments relating to the October 2021 pupil census.

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11. Additional item: Proposed use of carried forward DSG underspend

AGENDA ITEM 12

- 1.1 The forecast carry forward of Dedicated Schools Grant funding to 2022/23 is £4.959m. Carried forward DSG reserves have generally been used to support pressures in the DSG High Needs budget and the growth in Education, Health and Care Plans means it would be prudent to retain most of this carry forward to support the High Needs budget in 2022-23. However, as the reserve is forecast to increase by £1.7m by the end of the 21/22 financial year, it is proposed to allocate some of this to schools and settings, as indicated above. In summary, it is proposed to allocate the carried forward underspend as follows:

One -off lump sums for Maintained Nursery Schools	£400,000
One-off supplement to the hourly rate for 3- and 4-year-olds	£179,000
<u>New arrivals (Hong Kong and asylum seeker hotels) up to:</u>	<u>£1,000,000</u>
<u>Sub-total</u>	<u>£1,579,000</u>

It is proposed to allocate the remainder of any carried forward underspend to the High Needs budget, in line with practice in recent years. If the carry forward matches the current forecast, it means that there should still be £3.384m for High Needs.

Early Years Funding and lump sum payments for Maintained Nursery Schools

- 1.2 As indicated in the report above on the 22-23 budget, it is proposed to passport the full-increases in early years funding from the DfE to early years providers by increasing the hourly rates for 3- and 4-year-olds and 2-year-olds by the same amount as the funding increases. The proposals in this paper will not affect this passporting of funding as it is proposed to fund any further lump sums, in 2022/23, from general carried forward underspend in the Dedicated Schools Grant rather than drawing on the Early Years Block funding.
- 1.3 Maintained Nursery Schools are funded on the same basis as all other early years providers, including nursery classes in primary schools and early years places provided by Private, Voluntary and Independent providers. A new national funding formula for early years came into force in 2017/18. Under the National Early Years Funding Formula, the same funding formula applies to all providers.
- 1.4 However, supplementary funding was paid by the DfE to some local authorities, initially for a transitional period of up to two years, where this was needed 'to enable local authorities to fund nursery schools at the same level as they did in 2016/17'. As the notional hourly rate for 3 and 4 year-olds in Barnet exceeded the rate that was paid to Barnet nursery schools in 2016/17, Barnet nursery schools were not covered by the grant.
- 1.5 Barnet nursery schools are funded in accordance with the Early Years National Funding Formula. In 2021/22 each receives £5.29 an hour per pupil, plus a deprivation rate calculated using IDACI based on the postcodes of the children that attend the school.
- 1.6 Both BEYA (the Barnet Early Years Alliance, a federation of three nursery schools) and Moss Hall Nursery School had significant revenue balances at the end of the 2019-20 financial year. but both had to draw heavily on their balances during 2020-21 and faced the prospect of having large and growing deficits in 2021/22.
- 1.7 However, that was partly alleviated by the council's decision, following consultation with early years providers and the Schools Forum, to provide one-off lump sum funding of £42,000, for 2021/22 only, to each of the four maintained nursery schools, funded from carried forward underspend in the Early Years Block of the DSG..

- 1.8 Both BEYA and Moss Hall Nursery School have also made staffing and structural changes in 2021/22 to secure efficiency savings. Despite that, both BEYA and Moss Hall Nursery School are forecasting deficits at the end of 2021/22.
- 1.9 A review of nursery school budgets has shown that, despite major efforts to raise income and cut costs, each school could face an annual deficit from 2022/23 of up to £100,000 a year unless central government changes the funding arrangements for maintained nursery schools in Barnet or, failing that, if the council does not once again pay a lump sum to each maintained nursery school. It is also clear that any such lump sum would need to be much greater than the £42,000 agreed for 2021/22, as the latter amount was based on an assumption that extra government funding might be available from September 2021. The sum of £42,000 represents five-twelfths of the £100,000 a year that it was felt would be needed to sustain the four schools.
- 1.10 The council and the nursery schools have been lobbying the government to secure additional funding for Barnet's maintained nursery schools for the last three years. As a result, late in 2019 the Secretary of State for Education promised a review of the future of maintained nursery schools that 'he expects to provide a clear outcome that puts maintained nursery schools in Barnet on a stable financial footing for the future.' Since then, Ministers have re-affirmed a commitment to 'appropriate funding' for Maintained Nursery Schools 'in the longer term'. The council wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families to ask for confirmation that the review of funding for maintained nursery schools will result in a significant increase in funding for Barnet's four maintained nursery school for the 2021-22 financial year and subsequently.
- 1.11 On 25th November 2021, the DfE announced increases of 3.5% in the supplementary funding mentioned in paragraph 1.37 above. This applies to each local authority's rate of funding, and, as Barnet's supplementary funding rate is £0, no increase will be applied. Of the 32 London Boroughs, 11 have no supplementary funding. Looking at our closest statistical neighbour set – the other outer London boroughs - for those that do receive supplementary funding, the average rate for 2022-23 will be £3.46 per hour. If Barnet were to receive this rate, it would result in increased income of about £697,000 to be distributed amongst the four maintained nursery schools.
- 1.12 To try to bridge this gap once again, at least in part, we are proposing to allocate to each maintained nursery school a lump sum of £100,000 on a one-off basis in 2022/23. This is expected to ensure both BEYA and Moss Hall Nursery School can operate in-year during 2022-23 on a break-even basis. BEYA will still need to find some further savings to address the forecast carried forward deficit of £38,000 (across the three schools). Moss Hall Nursery School has a larger problem in that they are forecasting a carried forward deficit of over £150,000 into 2022/23. The school has been advised that it will need to produce a recovery plan to pay off this deficit over a three-year period. The proposed lump sum allocations of £100,000 per school in 2022-23 will mitigate the risk to the council of having to pick up and fund deficits left by the maintained nursery schools in the future. At the very least the lump sums should mean that the deficits at the end of 2021-22 will not grow any further in 2022-23. The long-term funding position of the four schools remains an issue, which will need to be considered later this year in the event that the government does not come up with the promised 'review of the future of maintained nursery schools' that will puts 'maintained nursery schools in Barnet on a stable financial footing for the future'.
- 1.13 In order not to impact on the pass-through of the hourly rate funding to all yearly years providers, it is proposed to fund these lump sums in 2022/23 from the general DSG reserve (carried forward underspend). The lump sum proposal is subject to consultation with all early years providers and the Schools Forum. Following that consultation with providers between late January and the end of February, it is proposed that the Schools Forum holds a special meeting before the end of February where it will consider the responses to the consultation and

recommend to the council whether or not it should go ahead with the lump sum. The Executive Director, Children's Services will then consider whether to approve the proposal in the light of feedback from the consultation and the Schools Forum.

- 1.14 In 2021, following the allocation of the temporary lump sums of £42,000 to each maintained nursery school from carried forward early years underspend, once end of year adjustments were made by the DfE in respect of the early years block for 2020/21 and the revised early years block funding for 2021/22 was known, it was agreed that the remaining carried forward underspend on the early years block of £334,000 should be allocated on a one-off basis in 2021-22 to providers of 3- and 4-year old places, by agreeing a temporary funding of supplement of £0.08 per hour. The payments were made to providers in August. It is not yet known what the level of any early years block underspend will be for the end of 2021-22, but the estimated overall level of DSG underspend is, £4.959m, as reported above. It is proposed to allocate from this general DSG carried forward underspend the equivalent of the £168,000 that was drawn from the early years block funding for the maintained nursery school lump sums, on a one-off basis in 2022-23 to providers of 3- and 4-year old places, by agreeing a temporary funding of supplement of £0.04 per hour which is estimated to cost £179,000. The early years block budget position will then be reviewed further in June 2022, in the light of end of year and 22-23 early years block allocations to establish whether there is enough headroom to increase this temporary funding supplement further for 2022-23.

New arrivals - children of Hong Kong families

- 1.15 A new immigration route opened on 31 January 2021, providing British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders from Hong Kong and their dependants with the opportunity to come to the UK to live, study and work, on a pathway to citizenship. Tens of thousands of Hong Kong residents applied for visas under this scheme during 2021. Details of the government's arrangements for new arrivals under this scheme can be found on the government website: [Welcome: a guide for Hong Kong British National \(Overseas\) visa holders in the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/welcome-a-guide-for-hong-kong-british-national-overseas-visa-holders-in-the-uk). This includes a welcome pack for new arrivals: [Welcome Pack for arrivals from Hong Kong on the British Nationals \(Overseas\) visa \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/welcome-pack-for-arrivals-from-hong-kong-on-the-british-nationals-overseas-visa)
- 1.16 The dependants of BN(O) status holders from Hong Kong who settle in the UK have a right to attend school in the UK. Local authorities hold the statutory duty to provide sufficient school places. Any BN(O) status holder who already live in the UK or who moves to live in the UK under the new visa scheme can apply for a school place for their children. Schools are not permitted to refuse any children a place on the grounds of their nationality or immigration status. Details of arrangements for access to schools are set out in the guide and welcome pack indicated above.
- 1.17 Initial figures show that Barnet has among the highest number of new arrivals under this scheme in England. Between August 2020 and September 2021, there were 429 applications for admission to Barnet schools from Hong Kong migrants. Between September and November 2021, 227 children of statutory school age were admitted to Barnet primary and secondary schools. A major financial challenge for schools arises because significant numbers have been enrolled after the October school census date, which means that they do not generate funding for the school through the local funding formula until the financial year after the school year when they start at their Barnet school (so 2023-24 for new arrivals starting school between October 2021 and September 2022).
- 1.18 This creates financial challenges for many schools, as they incur extra costs to support the welfare and regular attendance of the children from these families. Schools may incur extra staffing costs, whether for extra teachers (or fractions of teachers), teaching assistants and

other support staff or for specialist mentors to support individual children. Some incur extra costs for extra school clubs and for providing English as an Additional Language support.

- 1.19 It is therefore proposed to allocate one-off funding from carried forward underspend in the Dedicated Schools Grant to support schools that enrol children after the October 2021 census date for the period these children are in schools up until the end of the summer term 2022. More details of the proposal are set out below.

New arrivals - children of asylum seeker families living in designated hotels

- 1.20 Following the recent influx of asylum seekers to the United Kingdom, many of them from Afghanistan, a number of hotels were designated by the government for temporary housing for newly-arrived asylum seeker families. There are three such hotels in Barnet. Children of school-age living in these hotels are entitled to be admitted to local schools even if on a temporary basis.
- 1.21 As with new arrivals for Hong Kong, this creates financial challenges for many schools, as they incur extra costs to support the welfare and regular attendance of the children from these families. Schools may incur extra staffing costs, whether for extra teachers (or fractions of teachers), teaching assistants and other support staff or for specialist mentors to support individual children. Some incur extra costs for extra school clubs and for providing English as an Additional Language support. For children from poorer families, many schools have also had to incur non-staff costs, for example on providing free school meals, until eligibility is established and on purchasing school uniforms, sportswear and equipment (such as laptops).
- 1.22 In November 2021, the four Barnet schools with the highest numbers of children living in designated hotels for asylum seekers were each allocated a share of £50,000 of council funding (paid for from the council's covid grant, having regard to the extra pressures on the schools arising from the pandemic). The payments were made pro-rata to the number of eligible children and the number of weeks they were in the schools between September 2020 and September 2021.
- 1.23 It is now proposed to allocate one-off funding from carried forward underspend in the Dedicated Schools Grant to support schools that enrol children after the October 2021 census date for the period these children are in schools up until the end of the summer term 2022. It is proposed to include funding for all schools with children living in the designated hotels, rather than just the schools with the highest numbers children living in the hotels.

Approach to funding of new arrivals

- 1.24 The technical mechanism for providing the funding for new arrivals, as it will sit outside the school funding formula, is to allocate the money toward 'ongoing local authority statutory responsibilities for all schools in respect of the welfare and attendance of pupils'. The allocation requires the agreement of the Schools Forum and the proposals for spending the money also requires the agreement of the Schools Forum.
- 1.25 The Schools Forum is asked to approve the allocation of this funding. The Forum is also asked to approve the following proposed approach to the funding
- The funding will be capped at £1m and will be one-off for the financial year 22-23 only.
 - The payments should be based on an agreed proportion of the 2022/23 AWPU funding for schools for each eligible pupil, with the proportion being adjusted to ensure the total allocation is within the agreed £1m budget.
 - Funding is for all children of asylum seeker families living in the designated hotels and Hong Kong families who enrol in Barnet maintained primary and secondary schools and primary

and secondary Academies after the October 2021 school census date with payments being calculated pro-rata for the weeks they attend up to the end of July 2022.

- Detailed proposals should be developed by the council/BELS for consideration at a special meeting of the Schools Forum at the end of February 2022.
- The proposals, if agreed by the Schools Forum, will be recommended for approval by authorise the Executive Director, Children’s Services, who will then approve the amounts to be paid to eligible schools.

Recommendations:

We are asking that Schools Forum

- i. Agree the proposed use of carried forward DSG balances as set out above, subject to consultation with Early Years providers in respect of the proposal for lump sum allocations to maintained nursery schools.
- ii. Agree the proposed approach to Early Years Funding as set out above, subject to consultation with Early Years providers on the proposed lump sum payments for Maintained Nursery Schools
- iii. Agree the proposed approach to funding new arrivals as set out above.

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