

West Berkshire Schools' forum	
Title of Report:	Estimate of DSG Funding 2013/14 and Draft Budget
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For Discussion	

1. School Funding Settlement 2013/14

1.1 The Department for Education (DfE) announced the School Funding Settlement for 2013/14 on 19th December 2012.

1.2 From 2013/14, DSG funding is being split into 3 funding blocks, each calculated in a different way. The blocks are not ring fenced, though provide a guideline on how the funding should be allocated. The breakdown of the funding for the 3 blocks is shown in Appendix A.

1.3 The **Schools' Block** contains funding delegated to mainstream primary and secondary schools (reception to year 11), and the relatively few central services which can continue to be centrally retained. It includes new delegations to schools from 2013/14 but excludes funding for resource units and top up funding for high needs pupils in mainstream schools. The DfE has also made adjustments for hospital schools and the universal provision for 3 year olds. The DfE has taken the 2012/13 budget, made the relevant adjustments, and divided by the relevant number of pupils from the October 2011 census (excluding resource unit pupils but adding reception uplift) to arrive at the new GUF. The actual Schools' Block GUF for 2013/14 is confirmed at £4,359. There were a total of 21,736 relevant pupils in the October 2012 census figures for primary and secondary schools, and the Schools' Block DSG has been confirmed as £94.747m. An additional lump sum of £33k has been added for NQT funding, already delegated.

1.4 The **Early Years Block** contains funding for 3 and 4 year olds funded via the Early Years Single Funding Formula, plus centrally retained expenditure on children under 5. The actual 2013/14 GUF has been confirmed at £3,911. Our initial DSG allocation is £5.777m based on the January 2012 census. This will be updated in the Summer based on the January 2013 census, with the final allocation for 2013/14 being confirmed in the Summer of 2014 based on 5/12 of the January 2013 census, and 7/12 of the January 2014 census. Funding for 2 year olds has also been added to the DSG as a total amount, £1.073m (based on the DfE estimate of number of 2 year olds accessing this funding), although this is not ring fenced for 2 year olds or the early years block. In addition, 50% of the 2012/13 allocation of the 90% funding floor for 3 year olds has been allocated as transitional funding at £364k, which will end this year.

1.5 The **High Needs Block** contains funding for Special Schools, Pupil Referral Units, Resource Units, top up funding for high needs pupils in mainstream schools, funding for high needs pupils in non maintained special schools, plus centrally retained budgets for SEN support services. The funding to be allocated is based on the actual LA budget for 2012/13, and bids have been made to the DfE where there is an increase in demand for places. Adjustments have been made for recoupment, as the LA where the pupil resides will be responsible for top up payments. The estimated DSG for this block is currently £16.553m, though further adjustments for growth and further education are still expected.

2. Estimated DSG Funding and Budget Requirement 2013/14

2.1 The following table provides the current DSG allocation notified for 2013/14, compared to an estimate of the budget requirement. The breakdown of the budget, split between the three blocks is shown in Appendix B.

	GUF	Pupil No's	DSG Funding £'000	Budget £'000	Headroom/ (Shortfall) £'000
Schools Block	£4,359	21,736 (actual Oct 12)	£94,780	£94,760	£20
Early Years Block	£3,911	1,477 (actual Jan 12)	£7,214	£7,308	(£94)
High Needs Block	n/a	n/a	£16,553	£16,355	£198
Total			£118,547	£118,423	£124

2.2 The DfE has also announced the pupil premium grant (PPG) rates for 2013/14. The rate for pupils eligible for free school meals (Ever6) and children looked after has increased from £623 to £900, and the rate for Service Children (Ever3) has increased from £250 to £300. This is approximately £900k of additional funding for West Berkshire pupils. The final PPG funding allocations for 2013/14 will be based on the January 2013 census.

3. Next Steps

3.1 The Schools Block DSG is confirmed and the funding rates for school budgets are required to be approved by the Schools' Forum and submitted to the DfE by 22nd January.

3.2 The Early Years budget is being considered by the Early Years Steering Group and will be set according to current year take up with no change to the overall funding rates. The assumption is that any in year growth will be met by an equivalent increase in DSG.

3.3 The most difficult task is determining the high needs budget for 2013/14, particularly as the final DSG is still not confirmed. The draft top up rate proposals for our own schools are in another report, but the top up rates for children placed in other LA's are not yet known and have currently been assumed at an average of £20k per place.

3.4 Although our proposed top up rates exceed our current budgets, savings in other areas of the high needs budget, particularly in out of county placements, and the fact that the change in the recoument arrangements have resulted in a slight reduction to our overall costs, means that the proposed high needs budget is realistic. A high contingency will need to be in place particularly in the first year due to the volatility of this budget, with top up funding following the child and the uncertainties with respect to demand.

3.5 The final proposals for the early years and high needs budgets will be brought to the next meeting of the Schools' Forum.

Appendices

Appendix A - Estimated DSG Funding 2013/14

Appendix B – Draft DSG Budget 2013/14

APPENDIX A

Estimated DSG Funding 2013/14 as at 14 JANUARY 2013		
	Final 2012/13	Final 2013/14
	Jan 2012 census	Oct 2012 census
1		
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3		
4	SCHOOLS BLOCK	
5	<u>Pupil Numbers</u>	
6	School Census - Mainstream	21,607.0
7	Add: Reception Uplift	
8	Less: Pupils in Resource Units	
9	Total Pupil numbers	21,607.0
10		
11	DSG Guaranteed Unit of Funding	£4,891.12
12	DSG based on pupil numbers	£94,747,224
13		
14	Plus: Adjustment for NQT	£33,000
15		
16	Total Schools Block including Academies	105,682,430
17		
18	EARLY YEARS BLOCK (Provisional)	
19	<u>Pupil Numbers</u>	
20	School Census - Mainstream	413.0
21	Early Years Census	1,065.0
22	Adjustment for universal provision	149.0
23	Total Pupil numbers	1,627.0
24		
25	DSG Guaranteed Unit of Funding	£4,891.12
26	DSG based on pupil numbers	£5,777,329
27		
28	Adjustment for universal provision Transitional Funding	£364,000
29	Two Year Old Funding	£1,073,090
30		
31	Total Early Years Block	7,957,852
32		
33	HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	
34	<u>Pupil Numbers</u>	
35	Special Schools	250.0
36	PRU census	46.0
37	Alternative Curriculum census	61.0
38	Total Pupil numbers	357.0
39		
40	DSG Guaranteed Unit of Funding	£4,891.12
41		
42	High Needs Budget 2012/13	17,110,969
43	less recoupment	-1,621,360
44	less hospital tuition	-25,763
45	less universal provision for 3 year olds	-97,420
46	Baseline before cross border adjustments	15,366,426
47	Add place funding for other LA children	1,033,103
48	Less place funding for our children in other LA's	-194,960
49	Baseline after cross border adjustments	16,204,569
50		
51	Adjustment for Post 16 SEN Block (top ups)	63,000
52	Adjustment for FE Post 16 top ups	
53	Add: Growth in High Needs Places Funding	285,000
54		
55	Total High Needs Block	1,746,130
56		
57	TOTAL DSG FUNDING	115,386,412
58	ADD: Carry Forward from Previous Year	1,576,070
59	ADD: EFA Funding for 6th form special needs	677,720
60	TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	117,640,202
61		
62	Expenditure Budgets (including academies, split into funding blocks)	
63	SCHOOLS BLOCK	
64	Primary & Secondary Delegated Budgets 4 - 16	91,837,363
65	Schools contingency	1,453,484
66	Centrally Retained Schools Budget	2,507,383
67		95,798,230
68	EARLY YEARS BLOCK	
69	Early Years single Funding Formula - Schools	1,731,523
70	Early Years single Funding Formula - PVI	3,981,260
71	Early Years Contingency	500,000
72	2 year old Funding	0
73	Centrally Retained early years budgets	110,450
74		6,323,233
75	HIGH NEEDS BLOCK	
76	Special Schools	6,334,163
77	Resource Units / LALs	1,646,578
78	Maintained Schools (Top Ups)	729,210
79	PRU's	2,014,520
80	Non Maintained/Independent Special Schools	2,727,340
81	High Needs Contingency	200,000
82	Centrally Retained High Needs Budgets	7,337,993
83		15,518,734
84		
85	Total Expenditure Budgets	117,640,197
86		
87	Headroom or (Shortfall)	5
		123,772

APPENDIX B

Draft DSG Budget 2013/14 V8 as at 14 January 2013

Description	Cost Centre	Baseline	Recoupment Adjustments	Other Adjustments	De-Delegations	SF Approvals	Proposed Budget 2013-14	DSG Grant	Balance Under / (Over) spend
Schools Block									
Primary Schools (excluding nursery)	90020	46,906,550			-509,200		46,397,350		
Academy Schools Primary	DSG top slice	670,610					670,610		
Secondary Schools (excluding 6th form funding)	90025	21,885,190			-59,030		21,826,160		
Academy Schools Secondary	DSG top slice	24,626,190					24,626,190		
School Contingency - Pupil Growth/Infant Class Size	90235	100,000					100,000		
Schools in Financial Difficulty (primary schools)	90230				115,680		115,680		
Trade Union Costs Primary	90045				25,010		25,010		
Trade Union Costs Secondary	90050				15,550		15,550		
Support to Ethnic minority & bilingual Learners	90255				191,460		191,460		
Behaviour Support Services	90349				169,220		169,220		
Schools Finance - Supporting Schools in Fin Diff	90711				51,310		51,310		
CLA/MPA Licences	new					47,000	47,000		
Schools Finance - Servicing of Schools Forum	90019	95,320					95,320		
Carbon Reduction Commitment Allowances	90028	105,000					105,000		
School Admissions	90742	324,070					324,070		
Schools Block Total Expenditure		94,712,930	0	0	0	47,000	94,759,930	94,780,224	20,294
Early Years Block									
Early Years Funding - Nursery Schools	90010	730,020				64,660	794,680		
Early Years Funding - Maintained Schools	90037	1,023,650				108,510	1,132,160		
Early Years Funding - PVI Sector	90036	3,981,260		135,260			4,116,520		
Early Years Funding - Contingency		500,000		228,740		-728,740	0		
2 year old funding	new	0		1,073,090			1,073,090		
Central Expenditure on Children under 5	90017	88,300				104,200	192,500		
Early Years Block Total		6,323,230	0	1,437,090	0	-451,370	7,308,950	7,214,419	-94,531
High Needs Block									
Special Schools - Place Funding (347)	90540	6,334,160	-1,464,400	-1,549,760		150,000	3,470,000		
Special Schools - Top Up Funding	new			1,549,760		870,360	2,420,120		
Non WBC Special Schools - Top Up Funding	new					520,000	520,000		
Resource Units - Place Funding (70)	new	1,263,980	-150,000	-681,980		268,000	700,000		
Resource Units - Place Funding Academies (70)	DSG top slice			630,000		70,000	700,000		
Resource Units - Top Up Funding Maintained	new			681,980		-301,910	380,070		
Resource Units - Top Up Funding Academies	90026	915,040		-630,000		-147,430	137,610		
Non WBC Resource Units - Top Up Funding	new					55,000	55,000		
Mainstream - Top Up Funding Maintained	new	463,740	-46,860			103,120	520,000		
Mainstream - Top Up Funding Academies	new	134,290				26,710	161,000		
Non WBC Mainstream - Top Up Funding	new					48,210	48,210		
Pupil Referral Units - Place Funding (80)	90320	1,523,730	8,890	-844,620		-48,000	640,000		
Pupil Referral Units - Top Up Funding	new			844,620		529,900	1,374,520		
Non WBC PRU's - Top Up Funding	new						0		
Non Maintained Special School Place Funding	DSG top slice			350,000			350,000		
Non Maintained Special School Top Up	90575	3,784,990		-350,000		-1,057,650	2,377,340		
Independent Special School Place & Top Up	new						0		
Further Education Colleges Top Up	new						0		
Contingency for in year Top Ups & Additional SEN	90237	250,000		1,219,140		-1,219,140	250,000		
LAL Funding	new	134,600					134,600		
HN Outreach Special schools/PRU	new	60,650				76,880	137,530		
Social Inclusion	90231	144,100					144,100		
Sen Pre School Children	90238	55,370					55,370		
Special Needs Support Team	90280	435,900					435,900		
Sensory Impairment	90290	239,940					239,940		
Home Tuition	90315	243,030				15,140	258,170		
Equipment For SEN Pupils	90565	40,590					40,590		
SEN Commissioned Provision	90577	473,590					473,590		
ASD Teachers	90830	177,250					177,250		
Early Intervention	90957	80,230					80,230		
SEN Inclusion	90965	73,420					73,420		
High Needs Block Total		16,828,600	-1,652,370	1,219,140	0	-40,810	16,354,560	16,552,569	198,009
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		117,864,760	-1,652,370	2,656,230	0	-445,180	118,423,440	118,547,212	123,772
Funding Changes:									
Funding to replace recoupment				838,143					
2 Year Old Funding				1,073,091					
Universal Provision 3 Year Olds Transitional funding				364,000					
NQT/SEN/Growth				381,000					
Total				2,656,234					