

# Dedicated Schools Grant 2023-24: Confirmed Allocations

**Report being considered by:** Schools Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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**Item for:** Information **By:** All Forum Members

## 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To set out the confirmed Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation for 2023-24.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 To note the funding allocation for 2023-24.

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council or the Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## 3. Introduction

3.1 The National Funding Formula (NFF) is used by the Department for Education (DfE) to calculate the blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) that have been allocated to local authorities in December 2022.

3.2 The DSG consists of four blocks: Schools, High needs, Central School Services and Early Years.

## 4. Overall position

4.1 The following table shows the 2023-24 DSG allocation based on the October 2022 census pupil numbers.

DSG Final Allocation	Schools Block (Including growth)	High Needs Block	Central Schools Services Block	Early Years Block	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>2022/23 block funding</b>	120.07	25.32	0.99	10.10	156.48
Schools supplementary grant	3.46				3.46
High Needs Additional funding		0.91			0.91
<b>2022/23 total funding</b>	<b>123.53</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>160.85</b>
<b>2023/24 block funding</b>	<b>127.44</b>	<b>27.39</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>166.65</b>
Mainstream schools additional grant	4.33				4.33
High Needs Additional funding		1.10			1.10
<b>2023/24 total funding</b>	<b>131.77</b>	<b>28.50</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>172.09</b>
<i>Change from last year</i>	8.24	2.27	-0.02	0.75	11.23
<i>Percentage change</i>	6.7%	8.6%	-1.9%	7.4%	7.0%

## 5. Schools Block

5.1 The allocation for 2023-24 is shown below including an allocation for growth:

Schools Block	2022/23 Total funding	2023/24		
		Unit of funding	Number of pupils	Total funding
Primary	59,679,321	4,832.32	12,936.50	62,513,308
Secondary	57,946,639	6,034.83	10,348.50	62,451,439
Premises factor (NNDR)	1,566,240			1,589,347
<b>DfE allocation</b>	<b>119,192,200</b>			<b>126,554,094</b>
Growth	874,544			885,348
<b>Total block allocation</b>	<b>120,066,744</b>			<b>127,439,442</b>
Block transfer	- 300,165			-
<b>Total formula funding</b>	<b>119,766,579</b>			<b>127,439,442</b>
NNDR direct allocation 2022/23	- 1,566,240			- 1,597,037
<b>Total schools block after deductions</b>	<b>118,200,339</b>			<b>125,842,405</b>

5.2 In addition to the DSG, mainstream schools will receive an additional grant of £4.33m in 2023-24. School level allocations of this grant will be published in spring 2023 and funding will be received from April 2023.

## 6. High Needs Block (HNB)

6.1 The 2023-24 allocation for West Berkshire is £27.39m (2022-23 £26.28m).

6.2 We will also receive additional high needs funding of £1.1m, through a top up to the DSG allocations. Local Authorities are required to pass on a 3.4% funding increase to maintained special and alternative provision (AP) schools, and special and AP academies (including free schools), based on the number of places being funded in 2022-23.

6.3 Overall this is an increase of £2.3m from last year (8.6%).

## 7. Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

7.1 The CSSB within the DSG provides funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies. This covers Statutory and Regulatory duties, Education Welfare, asset management and other duties such as licences, admissions and servicing of Schools' Forum.

7.2 The CSSB DSG funding for 2023-24 is £973k, a reduction of £19k from last year (1.9%). However, this block has been balanced through a review of support charges.

## 8. Early Years Block

8.1 Since its introduction in 2017, the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) has set the hourly funding rates that each local authority is paid to deliver the universal and additional entitlements for 3 and 4 year olds. There is a separate formula that sets the hourly funding rates for 2 year olds.

8.2 Local authorities are required to pass through at least 95% of their 3 and 4 year old funding to early years providers.