Appendix C West Berkshire Council Schools Additional High Needs Fund Criteria 2024/25

1. Background

- 1.1 Local authorities can provide additional targeted support to individual schools (maintained and academies) from its high needs block where it would be unreasonable to expect the first £6,000 of support for that schools high needs pupils to be met by them from its (pre 16) formula funding due to an exceptional number of such pupils on its roll.
- 1.2 The guidance from the DfE has stated that the additional funding paid to schools should be formulaic based on the number of high needs pupils in each school. It cannot take into account lower level needs of pupils. The formula or criteria should be as clear and simple as possible, and should be devised so that additional funds are targeted only to a minority of schools which have particular difficulties because of their **disproportionate number** of high needs pupils or their characteristics.
- 1.3 The Schools' Forum agreed methodology is set out below.

2. Methodology and Process

- 2.1 There will be an additional payment to schools where the actual number of pre 16 high needs pupils (i.e. pupils in mainstream receiving top ups) is significantly (1%) above the average of all schools in West Berkshire.
- 2.2 Where the actual number of pre 16 high needs pupils per school is 1% above the West Berkshire average (the average will be calculated using the number of high needs pupils in January 2024 and shown in the pink column on the attachment), each additional high needs pupil will attract £6,000 in addition to the top up. The number of additional pupils will be calculated on a proportionate basis rather than rounding up or down to whole pupil numbers to avoid a funding cliff-edge.
- 2.3 The funding will be paid pro rata each term based on the actual number of pre 16 pupils receiving top ups at that time for the number of days in that term i.e. calculated and paid in April, October and January.
- 2.4 The attached table shows for each school how many high needs pupils equals the average + 1% (the pink column) before qualifying for additional funding in 2024/25. Schools will receive £6,000 per 1.0 high needs pupils they have on roll *above this average number*. Note that funding may be a proportion of £6,000 if the calculation is less than 1.0.
- 2.5 The amount of funding to be set aside for this purpose in the high needs budget will be £150,000.

Additional SEN Funding for Schools with Disproportionate large numbers of High Needs Pupils

,		Relevant Data			Indicative Funding		
		Total Pre 16 Pupil No.s	Mainstream Pre 16 Pupil No.s	Notional	Average No. of		3
Cost		(Oct 2022 Census) less	Receiving Top Ups January	SEN Budget	Pupils Formula	High Needs Pupils Above Average (un	Indicative
Centre	SCHOOL	RU Pupils	2023	2023/24	Funded	rounded)	Add'l Funding
	Primary Secondary		•		3.50% 2.87%	1% above LA avg 1% above LA avg	£6,000
91000	Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	120	4	38,351	4.20	0.00	
91100	Basildon C.E. Primary School	154	4	36,360	5.39	0.00	
91300 91400	Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School Beenham Primary School	44 62	4	16,528 32,111	1.54 2.17	2.46 0.00	
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	423	5	87,977	14.81	0.00	
91500	Bradfield C.E. Primary School	142	6	42,314	4.97	1.03	
91600 91700	Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School Brimpton C.E. Primary School	99 59	0	29,863 27,800	3.47 2.07	0.00	
91700	Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	122	4	33,876	4.27	0.00	
91900	Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	214	4	72,090	7.49	0.00	0
92000	Calcot Infant School and Nursery	218	4	93,283	7.63	0.00	
92100 95600	Calcot Junior School Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	281 23	7	103,333 9,960	9.84 0.81	0.00	
92400	Chieveley Primary School	191	2	50,194	6.69	0.00	
95900	Cold Ash St Mark's C.E. School	187	2	40,615	6.55	0.00	
92200	Compton C.E. Primary School	183	8	56,228	6.41	1.59	
92300	Curridge Primary School	93	0	18,377	3.26	0.00	
92500 92800	Downsway Primary School Enborne C.E. Primary School	213 77	<u>8</u> 0	55,273 2,922	7.46 2.70	0.54	
92900	Englefield C.E. Primary School	109	5	17,879	3.82	1.18	
93000	Falkland Primary School	423	7	116,591	14.81	0.00	
93100	Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	196	8	77,375	6.86	1.14	
93200 93400	Francis Baily Primary School Garland Junior School	549 235	12 7	187,857 72,172	19.22 8.23	0.00	
93500	Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	75	0	26,230	2.63	0.00	
93600	Hermitage Primary School	191	4	44,062	6.69	0.00	
	Highwood Copse Primary School	74	0	6,757	2.57	0.00	
93700 92700	Hungerford Primary School The Ilsleys Primary School	360 60	11 0	140,764 16,733	12.60 2.10	0.00	
93800	Inkpen Primary School	56	3	30,342	1.96	1.04	
93900	John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	230	7	86,807	8.05	0.00	
94000	John Rankin Junior School	357	8	90,844	12.50	0.00	
94100 94200	Kennet Valley Primary School Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	201 140	8	69,822 46,790	7.04 4.90	0.96	
94200	Lambourn CofE Primary School	140	2	80,827	4.90 5.50	0.00	
94400	Long Lane Primary School	214	1	87,511	7.49	0.00	
95800	Mortimer St John's C.E. Infant School	174	3	56,138	6.09	0.00	
97500	Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	242 154	<u>8</u> 5	83,006	8.47	0.00 0.00	
94500 94600	Mrs Bland's Infant School Pangbourne Primary School	154	3	60,865 48,972	5.39 6.09	0.00	
94700	Parsons Down Infant School	117	5	47,189	4.10	0.90	
94800	Parsons Down Junior School	179	14	58,001	6.27	7.73	
94900	Purley CofE Primary School	98	0	39,485	3.43	0.00	*****
95000 95100	Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	212 93	5 2	70,093 40,163	7.42	0.00	-
95200	Shefford C.E. Primary School	56	0	22,565	1.96		
95300	Speenhamland School	276	10	99,490	9.66	0.34	2,038
95400	Springfield Primary School	309	8	93,884	10.82	0.00	
95500 95700	Spurcroft Primary School St Finian's Catholic Primary School	398 196	12 6	140,058 59.337	13.93 6.86	0.00	
97700	St John the Evangelist C.E. Nursery and Infant Sch	180	6	60,726	6.30	0.00	
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	213	5	75,528	7.46	0.00	0
96200	St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	251	3	55,273	8.79	0.00	
96100 96322	St Paul's Catholic Primary School Stockcross C.E. School	304 90	2 3	103,359 20,237	10.64 3.15	0.00	
96322	Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	90 99	3 1	19,246	3.15	0.00	
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	102	6	38,417	3.57	2.43	14,579
99700	Thatcham Park CofE Primary	337	15	109,849	11.80	3.20	
96600	Theale C.E. Primary School Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	318 72	10	57,910	11.13	0.00	
96322 96800	Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School Westwood Farm Infant School	72 179	1 2	10,725 55,299	2.52 6.27	0.00	
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	233	3	71,140	8.16	0.00	
97000	Whitelands Park Primary School	393	9	113,389	13.76	0.00	
98700	The Willows Primary School	348	10	184,709	12.18	0.00	
99400 97300	The Winchcombe School Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	441 100	15 1	152,615 26,405	15.44 3.50	0.00	
97300	Yattendon C.E. Primary School	90	2	25,756	3.15	0.00	
98900	Denefield School	961	11	360,678	27.62	0.00	0
98800	The Downs School	1,047	21	359,679	30.09	0.00	
99000	John O'gaunt School Kennet School	430	14 39	270,494	12.36 43.60	1.64	
99100 99200	Little Heath School	1,517 1,325	39 13	663,474 512,507	43.60 38.08	0.00	
99300	Park House School	975	14	424,219	28.02	0.00	
99800	St Bartholomew's School	1,353	24	378,911	38.88	0.00	0
99500	Theale Green School	634	11	280,244	18.22	0.00	
99900 99600	Trinity School The Willink School	1,085 1,026	23 24	530,748 356,723	31.18 29.49	0.00	
00000		12,960	324	500,125	454		
	PRIMARY TOTAL	12,500	324				
	SECONDARY TOTAL TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS	10,353 23,313	<u> </u>		298 751		