

# Appendix C

## West Berkshire Council Schools

### Additional High Needs Fund Criteria 2025/26

#### 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 2025 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 2025/26. 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 £200,000.

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

Cost Centre	SCHOOL	Relevant Data			Indicative Funding		
		Total Pre 16 Pupil No.s (Oct 2023 Census) less RU Pupils	Mainstream Pre 16 Pupil No.s Receiving Top Ups January 2024	Notional SEN Budget 2024/25	Average No. of Pupils Formula Funded	High Needs Pupils Above Average (un rounded)	Indicative Add'l Funding
	Primary				3.40%	1% above LA avg	£6,000
	Secondary				2.83%	1% above LA avg	
91000	Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	103	3	44,539	3.50	0.00	0
91100	Basildon C.E. Primary School	150	4	42,978	5.10	0.00	0
91300	Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	35	2	21,516	1.19	0.81	4,857
91400	Beenham Primary School	58	1	20,197	1.97	0.00	0
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	414	3	95,135	14.08	0.00	0
91500	Bradfield C.E. Primary School	148	6	53,943	5.03	0.97	5,796
91600	Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	93	0	22,406	3.16	0.00	0
91700	Brimpton C.E. Primary School	53	0	30,048	1.80	0.00	0
91800	Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	107	4	35,707	3.64	0.36	2,163
91900	Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	190	3	74,334	6.46	0.00	0
92000	Calcot Infant School and Nursery	191	5	79,335	6.50	0.00	0
92100	Calcot Junior School	273	5	112,675	9.29	0.00	0
95222	Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	27	0	12,001	0.92	0.00	0
92400	Chieveley Primary School	177	3	55,506	6.02	0.00	0
95900	Cold Ash St Mark's CE Primary School	195	3	49,563	6.63	0.00	0
92200	Compton C.E. Primary School	179	6	57,977	6.09	0.00	0
92300	Curridge Primary School	82	0	27,526	2.79	0.00	0
92500	Downsway Primary School	212	11	63,929	7.21	3.79	22,735
92800	Enborne C.E. Primary School	75	0	10,039	2.55	0.00	0
92900	Englefield C.E. Primary School	109	2	17,407	3.71	0.00	0
93000	Falkland Primary School	420	5	135,603	14.29	0.00	0
93100	Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	206	5	93,051	7.01	0.00	0
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	524	12	255,794	17.82	0.00	0
93400	Garland Junior School	220	4	65,546	7.48	0.00	0
93500	Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	67	2	24,946	2.28	0.00	0
93600	Hermitage Primary School	188	7	52,178	6.39	0.61	3,633
	Highwood Copse Primary School	81	2	11,056	2.76	0.00	0
93700	Hungerford Primary School	346	10	173,610	11.77	0.00	0
92700	The Ilsleys Primary School	53	1	12,492	1.80	0.00	0
93800	Inkpen Primary School	48	3	26,023	1.63	1.37	8,204
93922	John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	220	9	103,169	7.48	1.52	9,102
94000	John Rankin Junior School	358	3	94,955	12.18	0.00	0
94100	Kennet Valley Primary School	194	6	76,039	6.60	0.00	0
94200	Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	130	9	57,206	4.42	4.58	27,470
94300	Lambourn CofE Primary School	149	3	75,982	5.07	0.00	0
94400	Long Lane Primary School	209	5	98,157	7.11	0.00	0
97522	Mortimer St. John's C.E. Infant School	176	2	52,881	5.99	0.00	0
97522	Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	243	8	76,683	8.27	0.00	0
94500	Mrs Bland's Infant School	148	6	63,199	5.03	0.97	5,796
94600	Pangbourne Primary School	164	1	60,541	5.58	0.00	0
94822	Parsons Down Partnership	274	13	105,651	9.32	3.68	22,082
94900	Purley CofE Primary School	93	1	47,124	3.16	0.00	0
95000	Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	213	3	72,136	7.24	0.00	0
95100	Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	95	1	50,466	3.23	0.00	0
95200	Shefford C.E. Primary School	52	1	16,009	1.77	0.00	0
95300	Speenhamland School	286	16	124,515	9.73	6.27	37,633
95400	Springfield Primary School	304	8	104,566	10.34	0.00	0
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	382	7	146,788	12.99	0.00	0
95700	St Finian's Catholic Primary School	201	4	64,153	6.84	0.00	0
97700	St John the Evangelist CofE Infant and Nursery School	179	2	67,207	6.09	0.00	0
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	213	3	84,172	7.24	0.00	0
96200	St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	258	5	61,010	8.78	0.00	0
96100	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	298	3	109,857	10.14	0.00	0
96322	Stockcross C.E. School	73	1	19,121	2.48	0.00	0
96400	Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	99	1	30,002	3.37	0.00	0
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nerve School	99	2	42,137	3.37	0.00	0
99700	Thatcham Park CofE Primary	320	13	101,157	10.88	2.12	12,694
96600	Theale C.E. Primary School	314	9	59,582	10.68	0.00	0
96322	Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	66	4	18,789	2.24	1.76	10,531
96800	Westwood Farm Infant School	186	5	64,965	6.33	0.00	0
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	238	4	71,651	8.10	0.00	0
97000	Whitelands Park Primary School	392	9	175,623	13.33	0.00	0
98700	The Willows Primary School	349	10	195,940	11.87	0.00	0
99400	The Winchcombe School	425	9	191,477	14.46	0.00	0
97300	Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	100	2	35,416	3.40	0.00	0
97400	Yattendon C.E. Primary School	94	3	26,085	3.20	0.00	0
98900	Denefield School	971	11	397,762	27.47	0.00	0
98800	The Downs School	1,046	16	346,950	29.60	0.00	0
99000	John Ogaunt School	463	16	287,796	13.10	2.90	17,396
99100	Kennet School	1,522	39	708,844	43.07	0.00	0
99200	Little Heath School	1,312	8	496,752	37.12	0.00	0
99300	Park House School	912	7	362,364	25.81	0.00	0
99800	St Bartholomew's School	1,354	28	467,394	38.31	0.00	0
99500	Theale Green School	699	17	292,356	19.78	0.00	0
99900	Trinity School	1,145	23	584,474	32.40	0.00	0
99600	The Willink School	1,016	26	373,256	28.75	0.00	0
	<b>PRIMARY TOTAL</b>	<b>12,618</b>	<b>303</b>		<b>429</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>172,698</b>
	<b>SECONDARY TOTAL</b>	<b>10,440</b>	<b>191</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17,396</b>
	<b>TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>23,058</b>	<b>494</b>		<b>725</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>190,094</b>