

# Appendix C

## West Berkshire Council Schools

### Additional High Needs Fund Criteria 2026/27

#### 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 2026 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 2026/27. 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. The table below shows data from 2025/26, this will be updated with 2026/27 when available.
- 2.5 The amount of funding to be set aside for this purpose in the high needs budget will be £272,000.

# 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 2024 Census) less RU Pupils	Mainstream Pre 16 Pupil No.s Receiving Top Ups September 2025	Notional SEN Budget 2025/26	Average No. of Pupils Formula Funded	High Needs Pupils Above Average (unrounded)	Indicative Add'l Funding
	Primary				3.93%	1% above LA avg	
	Secondary				3.27%	1% above LA avg	£6,000
91000	Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	116	5	51,606	4.56	0.44	2,635
91100	Basildon C.E. Primary School	156	0	46,601	6.13	0.00	0
91300	Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	22	3	15,978	0.86	2.14	12,810
91400	Beenham Primary School	45	5	23,291	1.77	3.23	19,384
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	417	6	101,334	16.40	0.00	0
91500	Bradfield C.E. Primary School	150	4	46,924	5.90	0.00	0
91600	Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	87	0	25,718	3.42	0.00	0
91700	Brimpton C.E. Primary School	47	0	24,071	1.85	0.00	0
91800	Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	113	2	40,856	4.44	0.00	0
91900	Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	207	6	82,588	8.14	0.00	0
92000	Calcot Infant School and Nursery	170	6	79,756	6.68	0.00	0
92100	Calcot Junior School	261	10	97,280	10.26	0.00	0
95222	Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	26	1	10,341	1.02	0.00	0
92400	Chieveley Primary School	171	4	52,184	6.72	0.00	0
95900	Cold Ash St Mark's C.E. School	203	4	51,568	7.98	0.00	0
92200	Compton C.E. Primary School	166	3	60,214	6.53	0.00	0
92300	Curridge Primary School	96	5	30,056	3.77	1.23	7,353
92500	Downsway Primary School	212	11	73,148	8.34	2.66	15,988
92800	Enborne C.E. Primary School	81	1	14,770	3.18	0.00	0
92900	Englefield C.E. Primary School	110	2	19,770	4.32	0.00	0
93000	Falkland Primary School	411	8	137,268	16.16	0.00	0
93100	Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	211	4	91,701	8.30	0.00	0
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	531	14	254,233	20.88	0.00	0
93400	Garland Junior School	185	6	57,304	7.27	0.00	0
93500	Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	49	1	17,024	1.93	0.00	0
93600	Hermitage Primary School	172	7	43,150	6.76	0.24	1,424
	Highwood Copse Primary School	138	3	19,024	5.41	0.00	0
93700	Hungerford Primary School	328	13	182,060	12.90	0.10	622
92700	The Ilsleys Primary School	49	1	11,430	1.93	0.00	0
93800	Inkpen Primary School	37	5	21,146	1.45	3.55	21,271
93922	John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	228	13	155,777	8.96	4.04	24,213
94000	John Rankin Junior School	348	4	125,812	13.68	0.00	0
94100	Kennet Valley Primary School	199	15	84,000	7.82	7.18	43,054
94200	Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	122	9	59,224	4.80	4.20	25,219
94300	Lambourn CofE Primary School	136	4	68,352	5.35	0.00	0
94400	Long Lane Primary School	207	4	105,243	8.14	0.00	0
97522	Mortimer St John's C.E. Infant School	165	3	48,078	6.49	0.00	0
97522	Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	235	10	62,831	9.24	0.76	4,562
94500	Mrs Bland's Infant School	126	7	37,922	4.95	2.05	12,276
94600	Pangbourne Primary School	136	3	53,364	5.35	0.00	0
94822	Parsons Down Partnership	257	9	111,975	10.10	0.00	0
94900	Purley CofE Primary School	81	4	40,280	3.18	0.82	4,891
95000	Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	211	7	74,607	8.30	0.00	0
95100	Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	91	0	52,866	3.58	0.00	0
95200	Shefford C.E. Primary School	52	2	15,951	2.04	0.00	0
95300	Speenhamland School	292	10	136,868	11.48	0.00	0
95400	Springfield Primary School	300	7	101,919	11.80	0.00	0
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	368	11	142,593	14.47	0.00	0
95700	St Finian's Catholic Primary School	203	8	69,600	7.98	0.02	111
97700	St John the Evangelist C.E. Nursery and Infant Sch	171	3	58,925	6.72	0.00	0
97800	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	213	7	84,192	8.37	0.00	0
96200	St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	255	7	81,240	10.03	0.00	0
96100	St Paul's Catholic Primary School	296	2	108,943	11.64	0.00	0
96322	Stockcross C.E. School	80	2	18,165	3.15	0.00	0
96400	Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	98	0	25,573	3.85	0.00	0
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	99	3	47,946	3.89	0.00	0
99700	Thatcham Park CofE Primary	318	11	92,728	12.50	0.00	0
96600	Theale C.E. Primary School	308	9	70,572	12.11	0.00	0
96322	Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	62	2	18,872	2.44	0.00	0
96800	Westwood Farm Infant School	178	1	63,523	7.00	0.00	0
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	239	6	76,756	9.40	0.00	0
97000	Whitelands Park Primary School	396	9	187,350	15.57	0.00	0
98700	The Willows Primary School	339	9	182,731	13.33	0.00	0
99400	The Winchcombe School	414	14	191,340	16.28	0.00	0
97300	Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	102	5	37,930	4.01	0.99	5,937
97400	Yattendon C.E. Primary School	90	3	26,490	3.54	0.00	0
98900	Denefield School	963	13	409,296	31.49	0.00	0
98800	The Downs School	1,045	24	359,218	34.17	0.00	0
99000	John O'gaunt School	448	19	277,274	14.65	4.35	26,111
99100	Kennet School	1,485	36	729,271	48.55	0.00	0
99200	Little Heath School	1,313	8	471,318	42.93	0.00	0
99300	Park House School	892	12	343,376	29.17	0.00	0
99800	St Bartholomew's School	1,352	33	517,511	44.21	0.00	0
99500	Theale Green School	725	18	305,569	23.71	0.00	0
99900	Trinity School	1,188	33	622,721	38.84	0.00	0
99600	The Willink School	1,031	41	389,543	33.71	7.29	43,738
	PRIMARY TOTAL	12,382	363		487	34	201,751
	SECONDARY TOTAL	10,442	237		341	12	69,849
	TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS	22,824	600		828	45	271,599