

Gloucestershire Schools Forum

17th September 2020

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Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Public Questions
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Schools Forum Membership
6. School Funding 2021/22
7. High Needs
8. Education Capital Funding



Schools Forum Membership

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Schools Forum Membership

“The Forum is asked to consider the request from the Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum, for one of its members to have a seat on the Schools Forum.”



School Funding 2021/22

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Dedicated Schools Grant

Background

- September 2019 – Government Announced a £14.4b funding package for education over three years, including detail for 2020/21.
- 20th July 2020 – Further announcement made to clarify funding arrangements for 2021/22 and a £1b COVID-19 catch-up package.
- Announcement for the final year of funding package expected in summer 2021.



Dedicated Schools Grant

2021/22 Indicative DSG Block Summary

	Schools	High Needs	Central School Services	Early Years	Total DSG
20/21 (as at Sept 20)	£376.745m	£66.376m	£2.579m	£34.868m	£480.568m
21/22 before teachers pay & pensions funding	£389.280m	£72.793m	£2.653m	£34.868m	£499.595m
Change before teachers pay & pension funding	£12.535m	£6.418m	£0.074m	£0.000m	£19.027m
<i>% change before teachers pay & pension funding</i>	<i>3.3%</i>	<i>9.7%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>
Teachers pay and pension funding addition	£18.107m	£1.097m	£0.000m	£0.000m	£19.204m
Total Indicative DSG block funding	£30.642m	£7.515m	£0.074m	£0.000m	£38.231m
<i>Total percentage change</i>	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>11.3%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>

The National Funding Formula

Key changes for 2021/22

- Teacher pay and pension grant included in the NFF - £180 per primary pupil and £265 per secondary pupil.
- Minimum per pupil funding increased to £5,150 for secondary and £4,000 for primary.
- Sparsity Factor has increased nationally by over 60%.
- Deprivation Index updated from 2015 to 2019 data – allocations will be updated to include the revised count method.
- Split Site Factor – uplifted 3.01% per pupil funding and 2.97% for the lump sum.
- Funding floor of 2% included in the formula.



The National Funding Formula

Recommendation 1

“The Schools Forum agree the basis on which the formula will be allocated for 2021/22 in line with their previous stated intention to match the NFF method as closely as possible.”



Growth Fund

Recommendation 2

“That a top-slice for growth of £1.5m is agreed for 2021/22 subject to being updated for any change in the basic need AWPU rates for 2021/22 when these are finalised in January 2021.”



De-delegations

1. In-year increases in pupil numbers at primary schools
2. Targeted Intervention-Primary
3. Union Facilities-Primary
4. Local Authority statutory duties-Primary and Secondary



De-delegation - Funding Rates

Funding rates

De-delegation proposal		Estimated Budgets based on maintained schools October 2019 census numbers & known academy conversions. (Will be updated for October 2020 census)	
		Per pupil Rate (£)	Total (£000)
1	In-year increases in pupil numbers – primary	£6.32	£219,000
2	Targeted intervention - primary	£9.27	£322,000
3	Union facilities - primary	£3.05	£106,000
4	Local authority statutory duties -primary and secondary	£5.00	£194,000

De-delegation

Recommendation 3

Forum members are asked to consider and approve de-delegation at the per pupil rates shown for:

- in-year increases in pupil numbers (primary)
- targeted intervention (primary)
- union facilities (primary)
- local authority statutory duties (primary and secondary)



COVID-19 Catch-Up Premium

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COVID-19 Catch-Up Premium

1. One-off Universal Catch-up Premium (£650m Nationally):
 - Paid across 3 terms
 - £80 per pupil for mainstream
 - £240 per place for specialist provision
2. £350m Tutoring Fund:
 - Subsidised Tuition Programmes
 - Academic Mentors for disadvantaged schools
 - Reception and Early Language Programme
 - £96m for Colleges and 6th Forms



COVID-19 Exceptional Costs

Headlines

- Total amount claimed £441,059 with the primary sector claiming the biggest share (63.7% = £281,145)
- Funds claimed for increase in premises costs represented the biggest share of the claim (45.5% = £200,901) closely followed by the support for FSM (42.65% = £187,700)
- The maximum amount claimed is £58,903
- The minimum amount claimed is £290
- The average amount claimed is £16,839



High Needs Report

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High Needs Budget - 2020/21

<u>High Needs Block</u>	Budget £000	Budget Adjustments £000	Revised budget £000	August Forecast £000	Variance to revised budget £000
Alternative provision - places & top ups	5,583.7	-5.8	5,577.9	5,312.4	-265.5
Alternative provision - Hospital Education	1,785.1	0.0	1,785.1	1,768.5	-16.6
EHCP Costs - College and FE	7,124.9	-1,970.0	5,154.9	5,218.9	64.0
EHCP Costs - Early Years	186.2	0.0	186.2	186.2	0.0
EHCP Costs - Primary	7,839.9	0.0	7,839.9	7,839.9	0.0
EHCP Costs - Secondary	4,013.2	0.0	4,013.2	4,013.2	0.0
Excluded pupils	-100.0	0.0	-100.0	-92.1	7.9
LA Services and staffing	3,870.9	43.0	3,913.9	3,894.9	-19.0
Independent Special Schools	15,115.0	0.0	15,115.0	15,115.0	0.0
Restorative Practice	200.0	0.0	200.0	204.0	4.0
Special Centres	696.1	-197.7	498.4	498.4	0.0
Special school provision	24,496.9	-6,140.0	18,356.9	18,356.9	0.0
Support Services	1,270.1	16.0	1,286.1	1,213.6	-72.5
Virtual School	620.3	0.0	620.3	611.3	-9.0
High Needs Unallocated/Deficit budget				5,503.2	5,503.2
	72,702.3	-8,254.5	64,447.8	69,644.3	5,196.5

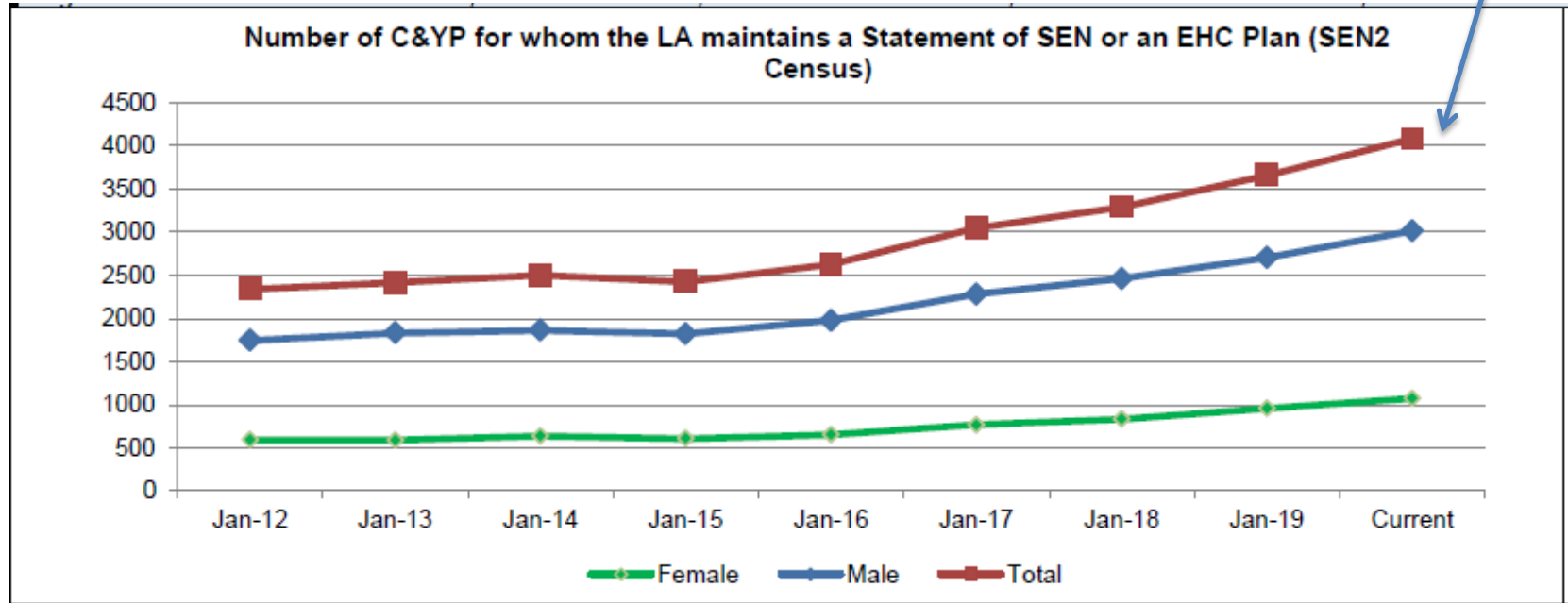
Reduced numbers
of Permanent
Exclusion

£306,700 variance

High Needs

EHCP Trends

253 open assessments



High Needs

Rate of Permanent Exclusion

Permanent Exclusions

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Primary	Number	13	19	26	31	31	30	16	14
	Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.03%	0.0%
Secondary	Number	76	71	89	106	110	108	96	60
	Rate	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.25%	0.2%
Special	Number	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Rate	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PRU	Number	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
	Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	1.1%	0.0%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
COMBINED	Number	93	93	115	140	142	138	113	74
	Rate	0.12%	0.11%	0.14%	0.17%	0.17%	0.16%	0.13%	0.08%

High Needs – 3 Year Forecast

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
High Needs Block	Estimated Budget	Estimated Budget	Estimated Budget
	£000	£000	£000
Alternative provision - places & top ups & services	£ 5,591	£ 5,599	£ 5,607
Alternative provision - Glos Hospital Education	£ 1,819	£ 1,853	£ 1,887
EHCP Costs - College and FE	£ 7,954	£ 8,392	£ 8,865
EHCP Costs - Early Years	£ 209	£ 234	£ 262
EHCP Costs - Primary	£ 9,015	£ 10,200	£ 11,550
EHCP Costs - Secondary	£ 4,468	£ 4,862	£ 5,294
Excluded pupils	-£ 80	-£ 60	-£ 40
LA Services and staffing	£ 3,948	£ 4,027	£ 4,108
Independent Special Schools	£ 16,286	£ 17,269	£ 18,275
Restorative Practice	£ 200	£ 200	£ 200
Special Centres	£ 696	£ 696	£ 696
Special school provision	£ 26,211	£ 27,044	£ 27,592
Support Services	£ 1,277	£ 1,285	£ 1,293
Virtual School	£ 630	£ 640	£ 650
Total	£ 78,224	£ 82,240	£ 86,239
Available budget	£ 72,793	£ 79,211	£ 85,629
Shortfall	£ 5,431	£ 3,029	£ 609
Cumulative Deficit	£ 19,605	£ 22,633	£ 23,243

Assumptions

- Continued rise in funding in line with 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- A 10% reduction in EHCPs driven by the Joint Additional Needs and High Needs Programme.
- All staff costs will increase by 2% each year.

High Needs

Areas for further consideration/consultation

1. Diseconomy of Scale
2. The 1 in 40 model
3. The Advisory Teacher Service

Recommendation: Members consider the proposed areas for consultation and agree those which they wish to be taken forward.



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- The 2020/21 Children & Families Capital Programme, was approved by County Council on 12th February 2020.
- The overall budget for the programme is £132.355m.
- The Capital Programme is informed by the priorities identified in the School Places Strategy and High Needs Strategy.
- The revised annual forecast spend for 2020/21 is £23.164 million.
- The financial year spend as at the end of August 2020 was £3.923 million.



Education Capital

Key updates

1. Basic Need Update
2. Additional Special School Places
3. Alternative Provision
4. New SEMH Special School
5. Cheltenham Secondary School
6. New Free school Bids



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Future Meetings

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Future meeting dates

2020

Thursday 12 November at 2:00 pm

2021

Thursday 14 January at 2:00 pm

Thursday 17 June at 2:00 pm

Thursday 16 September at 2:00 pm

Thursday 11 November at 2:00 pm

