

# Gloucestershire Schools Forum

16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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# Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Public Questions
4. Minutes and matters arising
5. School Funding 2022/23
6. High Needs
7. Capital Programme
8. F40 and COVID update



# School Funding 2022/23

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# Dedicated Schools Grant

## Indicative Allocations 2022/23

<b>2022/23 Indicative DSG block summary</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>High Needs</b>	<b>Central School Services</b>	<b>Early Years</b>	<b>Total DSG</b>
21/22 (as at Sept 21)	£411.371m	£74.352m	£2.784m	£35.337m	£523.844m
<b>22/23 Indicative DSG block funding</b>	<b>£423.658m</b>	<b>£80.761m</b>	<b>£2.939m</b>	<b>£35.337m</b>	<b>£542.694m</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>£12.287m</b>	<b>£6.409m</b>	<b>£0.155m</b>	<b>£0.000m</b>	<b>£18.851m</b>
<i>Percentage change</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>

# Dedicated Schools Grant Growth Fund

- Calculations using the 2022/23 NFF Basic Need AWPU rates forecast a need for £1.3m to support growth.
- Reduction of £200,000 on 2021/22 allocation.

**Recommendation 1: That a top-slice for growth of £1.3m is agreed for 2022/23 subject to being updated for any change in the basic need AWPU rates for 2022/23 when these are finalised in January 2022.**



# Dedicated Schools Grant

## Key Changes to School Funding

- 3% increases to the factors for basic entitlement, FSM6, IDACI, LPA and EAL.
- 2% increase to minimum per pupil levels and FSM.
- FSM6 – update on the October census to bring in line with other factors.
- Mobility – based on actual date rather than census (which did not take place due to COVID)
- Rates: to be paid directly by ESFA



# Dedicated Schools Grant

## Key Changes to School Funding

- Sparsity - increase £10,000 primary and £5,000 to maximum amounts; improved accuracy; tapering (set at 20%)
- Impact:

	21/22 Schools	21/22	22/23 Schools	22/23	Movement	
	qualifying	Total amount	qualifying	Total amount	schools	Amount
Primary	28	£1,013,579	74	£2,953,937	46	£1,940,358
Secondary	5	£190,566	6	£218,797	1	£28,231
Total	33	£1,204,145	80	£3,172,734	47	£1,968,589

# Dedicated Schools Grant

## Key Changes to School Funding

- Minimum per pupil funding increase by 2%, to:
  - Primary: £4,265
  - Secondary: £5,525
- Funding floor/Minimum Funding Guarantee in the NFF remains at 2%.





# Dedicated Schools Grant

## Schools Block

- Based on initial calculations (subject to census update: we can:
  - Fully fund the National Funding Formula (NFF)
  - Assume there will be a small surplus – est. £520,000

*Recommendation 2: The Schools Forum agree the basis on which the formula will be allocated for 2022/23 in line with their previous stated intention to match the NFF method as closely as possible and to utilise any surplus remaining in the schools block to support the 1 in 40 model.*



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## De-delegations – Maintained Schools

De-delegation	Per Pupil Rate	Total Cost
In-year increase in pupil numbers in primary schools	£6.32	£218,000
Targeted intervention - Primary	£9.27	£319,000
Union Facilities – Primary	£3.05	£105,000
LA Statutory duties – Primary and Secondary	£5.00	£193,000

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## De-delegation: Recommendation

**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)**



# Consultation

## National Funding Formula





- Focussed on moving towards the Hard NFF
- Initial draft response shared for comments our core message:
  - The need for an equitable approach for all schools.
  - Consistency and alignment important where it adds value.
  - The need for a decisive timeline that moves this issue forward.
- View of the F40 response on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Webinar on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 for all schools
- Final response shared with all schools via HeadsUp



# High Needs

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# High Needs: July Forecast

<u>High Needs Block</u>	Budget	Forecast (July)	Variance to budget	Variance to prvs forecast
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Alternative provision - places & top ups & services	5,476.7	5,467.6	-9.1	4.1
Alternative provision - Glos Hospital Education	2,030.7	2,017.3	-13.4	-11.9
EHCP Costs - College and FE	4,698.9	4,870.9	172.0	172.0
EHCP Costs - Early Years	233.5	233.5	0.0	0.0
EHCP Costs - Primary	7,239.3	7,308.6	69.3	69.3
EHCP Costs - Secondary	4,976.0	5,003.6	27.6	96.3
Excluded pupils	-100.0	-137.0	-37.0	-37.0
LA Services and staffing	3,870.9	4,068.9	198.0	3.6
Independent Special Schools	17,262.7	17,207.1	-55.6	-51.9
Restorative Practice	200.0	200.5	0.5	-2.6
Special Centres	458.0	456.3	-1.7	-1.7
Special school provision	20,948.2	20,977.2	29.0	29.0
Support Services	1,286.1	1,238.9	-47.2	-30.1
Virtual School	620.3	620.3	0.0	-11.7
High Needs Unallocated	-3,855.3	250.0	4,105.3	532.0
Rounding	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2
	65,345.8	69,783.6	4,437.8	759.6

# High Needs: Activity

- Continued focus on transformation programme:
  - Finalise new banded funding model and develop non-statutory funding route;
  - complete developments to casework process including digitisation of the process
  - continue focus on early intervention, through alternative provision, team around the locality cluster etc.
  - development of special school capacity to meet rising needs.
- Monitor and review EHCP trend to assess whether increased trend is sustained
- Remodel 5 year plan reflecting both the historic and current trends in EHCP growth (November forum).

## Central Government

- SEND review published – Fundamental changes?
- October spending review – continued investment in High Needs?



# Capital Update

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# Capital Programme

- The revised annual budget for the 2021/22 Schools capital programme is £41.591 million.
- Significant Projects:
  - New primary school in Bishops Cleeve (£11m)
  - Cleeve school additional form of entry (£5.4m)
  - Leckhampton primary school expansion (£4.2m)
  - New Secondary School in Cheltenham (£30m)
  - NEW SEMH Special school (£9.7m)
  - Cotswold School expansion (£5.8m)
  - Winchcombe School expansion (£4.7m)



# Capital Programme

- Improvement work for Alternative Provision
- Impact of COVID and Brexit
- New Free School Bids:
  - Beacon Secondary Academy
  - Wheatridge Primary School
- Priority Schools rebuilding programme (phase 1):
  - Katherine Lady Berkeley
  - Thomas Keble



# F40 and COVID Update

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# COVID-19: Recovery Funding

- Mainstream schools: £145 per pupil in mainstream and £290 for children in a special unit.
- All other eligible schools will get £290 per pupil
- Paid in 4 payments throughout the year
- Funding to support evidence based approaches – [EEF Pupil Premium guide](#)
- Use and impact of the recovery premium must be reported as part of pupil premium report and will be a focus when Ofsted visit.



# COVID-19: Recovery Funding

- Provisional allocation of just over £2.5m, broken down as follows:

Phase/Type	Total Funding	Highest allocation	Schools on Min funding	Avg. Allocation
Primary Schools	£1,313,045	£26,825	75	£5,359
Secondary Schools	£931,047	£56,187	4	£23,276
Special Schools	£155,730	£45,820	0	£15,573
Alternative Provision	£28,875	£10,875	3	£7,219
Looked after Children	£83,955	n/a	n/a	n/a