

# **SOUTHWARK CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

## **SCHOOLS FORUM**

Members are requested to attend a meeting to be held at: **Notre Dame High School,  
118 St George's Rd, London SE1 6EX**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 3.45pm – 6.00pm**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **ITEM**

1. Apologies for Absence and whether quorate (5 minutes)
2. Declaration of interests – the Education (Schools Government) Regulations 1989 (as amended) oblige members with a pecuniary interest in a contract or other matter to disclose the fact, to withdraw from the meeting when it is being discussed and not vote on it.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of 15th January 2020 (5 minutes)
4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda (15 minutes)
  - a) Transfer of Funds Between Blocks - Feedback by LA
5. Dedicated Schools Grant- 2019-20 - Budget Monitor (15 minutes)
6. High Needs Block - 2019-20 - no separate report
7. Dedicated Schools Grant - 2020-21 and Revision to Schools Formula (30 minutes)
8. Schools Funding Formula 2020-21 - Individual School Allocations (20 minutes)
9. Closure of the 2019-20 Accounts (10 minutes)
10. A.O.B. Any items must be with the Clerk by Noon 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (5 minutes)
11. Dates of Further Meetings for 2019/20:  
  
14th May 2020 and 9 July 2020

<b>THE SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS FORUM</b> <b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
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1. **Attendance and Apologies:** See Annex A - The Chair welcomed Gemma Donnelly as an EFSA observer
2. **Quorum:** The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate -
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or other interests they might have that were greater than the interests of other members of the Schools Forum in any matter on the agenda for discussion. Steph Lea, substitute for LA maintained Special Schools, declared that she was a Director of Park College.
4. **Election of Vice Chair** - Ms Janice Babb was confirmed as Vice Chair
5. **Minutes of the Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**
  - 5.1 These were agreed for accuracy
  - 5.2 Matters Arising:
    - a) Report back on LA consulting Maintained Special Schools - Teresa Neary, the member for maintained special schools, confirmed that they would wish to buy into the maternity fund but probably not the contingency fund- the LA said that they had until March to confirm this.
    - b) Report back on LA consulting Maintained Nursery Schools - this had been done with them wishing to buy into both the maternity fund and the contingency fund.

Both requests were accepted by the Schools Forum
6. **Dedicated Schools Grant- 2019-20 Budget Monitor and 20-21 DSG Settlement**
  - 6.1 A report setting out the budget monitoring position as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 had been circulated in advance with the detail of the allocation for 2020-21 and comparisons to the 2019-20 allocation.
  - 6.2 The in-year deficit of the 2019-20 DSG was projected to be 6.5m at outturn and when this is added to the previous year's deficit of £11.5m the borough is projecting going into the 2020-21 financial year with a total deficit of £18m. All agreed that this was not sustainable and the DFE requirement is that those authorities who find themselves in that position have to draw up plans to rectify the position. This had been subject to previous reports to the Schools Forum.
  - 6.3 The 2020-21 provisional DSG is indicating a 12.5m increase of which £7m is in the Schools Block and £5.5 m the High Needs Block, the other two blocks were the same. Following questions on what were the underlying reasons for the increase in the Schools Block, the Local Authority (LA) referred members to the table in the report which is reproduced here and reflects the change in pupil numbers between years .

Changes to the schools block broken down into cost and volumes				
		Pupil changes	Funding	%
Pupil changes	primary	-523	-2,948,475	-2.28%
Pupil changes	secondary	729	5,740,124	5.11%
Settlement increase	primary	23,342	2,330,232	1.80%
Settlement increase	secondary	14,509	1,711,046	1.52%
			6,832,927	

- 6.4 The LA confirmed that the final allocation is expected to be announced in July 2020 as adjustments to Early Years allocations will be made based on the January census.
- 6.5 The High Needs Block was £5.5m higher, with small elements as a result of increased pupil numbers and recoupment changes but the majority was an increase in the actual settlement itself, that is £5.1m.
- 6.6 The announcement on the Pupil Premium rates will not be until later this term and it was confirmed that, following a question, the Teachers Pay Grant and Teachers Pensions Grant were not part of the DSG settlement but grants that are allocated independently.
- 6.7 The Chair reported that she had raised the issue of corporate overheads allocated to the DSG High Needs Block at a recent meeting with elected members and the Director said that the scrutiny by the High Needs Sub Group has helped clarify this area. All agreed that the work of this group of the Schools Forum has been commendable

The report was noted by the Schools Forum.

## **7. The Dedicated Schools Grant - 2020-21 – Central Retentions**

- 7.1 This report, previously circulated, set out the proposed 2020-21 budget for the Schools Block including the centrally retained and de-delegated budgets. Original proposals by the Local Authority were considered and scrutinised by the Schools Forum at its meeting on the 5 December 2019. The Schools Forum is now asked to formally decide on the proposals.
- 7.2 The LA confirmed that the per pupil rates proposed for 2020-21 were as set out and discussed at the December 2019 meeting of the Schools Forum.
- 7.3 There being no additional points of clarification sought by the members regarding the de-delegated budgets proposed by the LA for 2020-21, the Schools Forum proceeded to vote on each de-delegated budget by phase. The clerk confirmed that this would be just the LA maintained primary school representatives and the secondary school representative as academies do not have funds deducted from their formula budgets for these services provided by the LA.
- 7.4 The voting on the de-delegated budgets for 2020-21 was as follows
- a) Contingencies:
    - In favour primary 2, against 0, Abstentions 0
    - In favour secondary 1, against 0, Abstentions 0
  - b) Behaviour Support Services- primary phase:
    - In favour 2, against 0, Abstentions 0

- c) Behaviour Support Services: Summerhouse - primary phase:  
In favour 2, against 0, Abstentions 0
  - d) Free School Meals Eligibility-primary phase:  
In favour 2, against 0, Abstentions 0
  - e) Maternity Cover Scheme:  
In favour primary 2, against 0, Abstentions 0  
In favour secondary 1, against 0, Abstentions 0
  - f) Trade Union Facility Scheme:  
In favour primary 2, against 0, Abstentions 0  
In favour secondary 1, against 0, Abstentions 0
- 7.5 The Chair sought clarification from the LA that as the amount per pupil for the de-delegated budget for FSM eligibility checks had falling from the 2019-20 rate then the amount secondary schools were going to be charged by the LA in 2020-21 would also fall by the same percentage. This was confirmed by the LA.
- 7.6 The Schools Forum then turned to the Centrally Retained Budgets by the LA that was set out in Table 3 of paragraph 3.3. Once again, the Chair reminded members that these had been looked in detail at the previous meeting as set out in the minutes of that meeting. What members had issues with at that meeting was the lack of clarity and understanding over the "Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils" at a cost of £294k.
- 7.7 The Director introduced her counterpart for Children's Social Care who expanded on the additional information set out in the current report. He explained that the children that the budget funds are children with extremely complex needs with some on the pathway to an Educational Health Care Plan and in the main have to be placed outside the borough in residential accommodation, some might be moves from foster care to a residential setting.
- 7.8 Following questions it was confirmed that the budget only funds the educational element of the placement and that these are generally private special schools, i.e. no social care costs are included in this budget, the Schools Forum asked if there was anything they can assist with the getting the borough's schools to get the children into mainstream bearing in mind the common objective of doing the best for the children and keeping the money within the borough's own schools.
- 7.9 Both Directors confirmed that they are very conscious of getting value for money from their budgets especially the high cost of alternative placements. The Schools Forum thanked The Director for Social Care for providing the information and then moved to voting on the Centrally Retained budgets.
- 7.10 The Schools Forum maintained and academy and free schools primary and secondary representatives voted on each of the budgets as set out in Table 3 in paragraph 3.3 of the report. The voting was as follows:
- a) LA duties for all schools: In favour 4, Against 0, Abstentions 1
  - b) Growth fund: In favour 3, Against 1, Abstentions 1
  - c) Schools Falling Rolls: In favour 3, Against 0, Abstentions 2
  - d) Places in independent schools for non-SEN pupils:  
In favour 3, Against 0, Abstentions 2
  - e) Admissions: In favour 4, Against 0, Abstentions 1
  - f) Servicing of Schools Forum: In favour 5, Against 0, Abstentions 0

- 7.11 The LA continues to hold specific responsibilities for maintained schools, known as “Maintained Schools Only Central Retention” and in 2020-21 the cost is at the same rate per pupil as the in the previous year i.e. £16.43. The total funding would drop in line with the expected reduction in pupil numbers. The amount is forecast to be £327k which had reduced due to the previous fall in pupil numbers and two schools converting to academies. This was then voted on by the maintained schools and was unanimously agreed.
- 7.12 The position on central overheads was noted.

## **8. Schools Funding Formula 2020-21**

- 8.1 This report, previously circulated to members provided the Schools Forum with the details of the mainstream school funding formula for 2020-21 and its associated individual school budgets including, following consultation, the LA’s decision to transfer funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
- 8.2 The Chair first asked the Schools Forum to look at the outcome of the LA Consultation with its 16 responses. Although the number of responses was disappointing it was acknowledged that with LA “Roadshows” and briefings the LA could not have done much more to engage schools. Two of the primary school reps said that they had personally engaged their constituents by emailing and assisting with the analysis of the situation from the perspective of their phase.
- 8.3 It was felt however that the timing of the consultation, i.e. just before Christmas, was a problem but this was dictated by the deadlines set by the EFSA. The LA stated that they were charged with, as a first , setting the High Needs Block budget for 20-21 with an in-year balance. Then they will have to address the accumulative deficit of £18m which was caused by the high costs of and insufficient funding for that Block.
- 8.4 The LA had, with the High Needs Sub Group of the Schools Forum, been scrutinising, in great depth, all aspects of that block and had submitted reports to the Schools Forum. The LA had already started to address the identified trends and attempt, in some cases, to reverse them. But, the underlying issue, is that there has been insufficient government funding from the outset to address the volume of need and high costs.
- 8.5 The attention of the Schools Forum was drawn to the accompanying spreadsheet with the papers that showed the LA strategy for addressing the issues over time and in particular the requirement to identify funding from further block transfers from the Schools Block. The consultation had shown that it does not appear to be an issue with schools concerning continuing the historic transfer of £3.1m. This the Schools Forum agreed with and so they would concentrate on the LA’s request for a further £1.9m in some form or another in the 2020-21 financial year which schools showed little appetite for.
- 8.6 Table 1 in paragraph 4.2 had given three options by the LA, however Option 1 was actually requesting £3.9m over a three-year period, Option2, phased £1.9m and Option 3 a straight £1.9m hit in the 2020-21 financial year. The Schools Forum was reminded that block transfers have to be considered on an annual basis.
- 8.7 The Schools Forum agreed and decided that Option 1 was a non-starter and they would discard and not support. Option 2, according to their spreadsheet was insufficient in year1 to meet their strategy for deficit recovery. So really that left

Option 3, however again when reviewing the spreadsheet in fact that figure was over and above what was actually needed in year 1. In fact, needed was around £1.5m and if the change in the MFG for Special schools and academies was set at minus 1.5% rather than 0%, which yielded £140k, that meant that actually it was slightly less.

- 8.8 Following a question the LA confirmed that they believed if they could get the High Needs Budget to balance in-year in 2020-21 this would be an agreeable first step with the EFSA. So really the Schools Forum was looking at the LA proposals around this amount which met the LA projections with a small contingency.
- 8.9 Steve Morrison, secondary academies representative expressed schools concern at schools taking such a large hit in one year, even if the proposal was to pay that back once the longer-term savings identified in the LA proposals came into being. As the largest school in the borough this amounted to more than £130k. The borough has always held dear the Minimum Funding Guarantee, set at 1.5%, to enable change to happen over time, and so assist with maintaining and raising standards. And was it fair that large schools appeared to take a big cash reduction?
- 8.10 The primary school representatives also expressed concern that even for a small one form entry school there is the same relative impact as set out in the impact analysis in table 2 in paragraph 4.3 that would cause redundancies.
- 8.11 Steve Morrison said that changing the MFG was not something he was prepared to accept and that if what the LA proposed did not work then they would be back again the next year wanting more, what guarantees were there that this would not happen?
- 8.12 The LA aid that the DFE were very clear that the issue in 2020-21 has to be addressed. That the Block Transfer was part of the bigger plan and that addressing the £18m “overdraft” needs further work. But the LA cannot predict exactly the possible changes in the High Needs Block in third party costs and volumes, especially with the time lag in any savings coming on stream, and so cannot guarantee that additional may be needed but at the moment this was the anticipated amount needed.
- 8.13 Following a question from Mike Antoniou , the LA confirmed that the causes of the deficit are the new duties recently transferred to the DSG for 19 to 25 year olds and the high cost of Alternative Provision, there are strategies in place to bring pupils back into the borough’s own provision. The Chair said that the data analysis showed that the exclusion rate in academies was far higher than maintained schools and the costs of the alternative provision fell upon the LA.
- 8.14 Other members then asked a range of clarifying questions about the consequences of saying “No”, the LA strategy for specialist provision, the impact of more capital spend on the borough’s schools so they can be more inclusive and that detail should have been given on the impact on each individual school. It was also clarified that whatever mechanism was used to reduce potential funding to schools to meet this block transfer that the same mechanism was used to “pay back” that funding at a later date - this the LA agreed would be the case.
- 8.15 The LA confirmed that all schools bar one would be on the Minimum Funding Guarantee and so the full impact on schools of the proposal was in fact less in cash terms. Another concern of the Schools Forum was that the reduction to schools would increase the gap between those that have the resources to absorb the reduction and

those that cannot and will drive more into deficit and so impact negatively on standards.

- 8.16 The LA confirmed again that their strategy was to drive down costs where they could and with the falling rolls in primary schools to take out surplus places where they can, making it easier for smaller schools although they will have less resources and there are more schools with in-year deficits than previously. Steve Morrison said that schools would want to see the strategy from the LA for paying back the funds and that it maintained the principle of fairness across all schools.
- 8.17 The Chair asked if there were any more points that members wanted to raise or anything new the LA wanted to say. The Director said that the option of doing nothing is in fact not an option which the Schools Forum agreed and that they would amend the amount downwards from £1.9m to £1.5m in their proposal b) of the report. The Schools Forum then proceeded to vote on the LA proposals as set out in the report.
- 8.18 Proposal a) To Agree for 2020-21, that , as in 2019-20, a transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block of £3.1m  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.19 Amended Proposal b) To Agree for 2020-21 to a further one-off Schools Block transfer to the High Needs Block of £1.5m over and above the current £3.1m  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.20 Proposal c) To support the Local Authority seeking the Secretary of State's approval for the schools block transfers agreed in recommendations a) and b) above  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.21 Proposal d) To Agree to the proposal that all the other school funding rates remain the same as 2019-20 with the exception of those changes set out below
- 8.22 The Schools Forum then looked at the LA proposal to amend the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for special schools and special academies. Following a question, the LA confirmed that this could not be done automatically as the minus 1.5% was outside the recommended range by the DFE and so the LA would have to apply to the Secretary of State for approval and this would take into account what the Schools Forum said and importantly the reaction by its special schools and academies.
- 8.23 Following a question, the LA confirmed that there were no national benchmarking data for making comparisons between the borough's special schools and others. The special school rep pointed out that the Top Up Rate had not increased for 8 years nor had the Place rate changed in that time. In addition, they were themselves experiencing more and more challenging needs of the children they have on roll and if the borough wants not to bring more children back into the borough this is not the time to be reducing funding to keep them in borough.
- 8.18 The Chair pointed out that the Schools Forum had already supported the Block Transfer of £1.5m. Therefore, was not the proposal introducing the MFG to special schools not required? The LA agreed and withdrew their proposal to apply that change.

The Schools Forum returned to voting on the proposals set out in the report.

- 8.19 Proposal f) To Agree to the funding rates for the Special Schools funding formula for 2020-21 be as set out in in Table 5 in paragraph 9.3  
In Favour 9, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.20 Proposal g) To Agree that the High Needs sub-group in 2020-21 review the funding rates for the Haymerle Special School and for Park College  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.21 Proposal h) To Agree that the funding rates for the Resource Base funding formula for 2020-21 will be as detailed in Table 6 - paragraph 10.1  
In Favour 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1
- 8.22 Proposal i) To Agree that the High Needs sub-group in 2020-21 review the funding rates of the Hearing Impaired resource unit and the Speech and Language  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.23 Proposal j) To Agree to the top-up rate in 2020-21 for Southwark's Pupil Referral Unit - SILS - should be at the same level as 2019-20, i.e. £11,000 (paragraph 11)  
In Favour 10, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 8.24 Proposal k) To Agree that the funding rate for hospital schools for 2020-21 will be (paragraph 12):
- |                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Evelina Hospital School              | £19,728 |
| Bethlem and Maudsley Hospital School | £25,046 |
- In Favour 9, Against 0, Abstentions 0

## **9. Early Years Funding Formula 2020-21**

- 9.1 This report previously distributed to members gave the provisional allocation of the Early Years Block of the 2020-21 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and provided detail of the changes in comparison to 2019-20. It also proposed the funding rates for early year providers in 2020-21.
- 9.2 The Schools Forum representative for maintained nursery schools confirmed that there had been little change to the funding rates from the DFE, in fact it was only the funding rate for 2 year olds that had increased from £6.50 per hour to £6.58 and that it was acceptable not to change the rates for the new financial year.
- 9.3 The Schools Forum were then asked to agree to the proposals as set out in the report:
- A) The funding rates for Early Year providers
- i) 3 and 4 year olds a base rate of £5.95 per hour (Section 4.1)
  - ii) 3 and 4 year olds deprivation funding rates (Section 4.2)
  - iii) 2 year olds funding of £6.25 per hour (Section 4.3)
- In Favour 8, Against 0 and Abstentions 1
- B) That the nursery schools agree the distribution of the supplementary funding of £1,561k and advise the Local Authority accordingly.  
In Favour 9, Against 0 and Abstentions 0
- C) That the central retentions budget should be set at £921k as per Section 5.2  
In Favour 9, Against 0 and Abstentions 1

**11 Dates of Future Meetings**

The dates of the next meetings were noted.

**Annex A**  
**SCHOOLS FORUM ATTENDANCE SHEET**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

NAME	CONSTITUENCY	PRESENT
Janice Babb	Primary School Headteacher	Yes
Susannah Bellingham	Primary School Headteacher	Yes
Pia Longman	Primary School Headteacher	Apologies
Vacant	Primary School Headteacher	
Vacant	Primary School Governor	
Vacant	Primary School Governor	
Rebecca Sherwood	Nursery School Headteacher	Yes
Teresa Neary	Special School Headteacher	Yes
Nicola Howard	Early Years – Private/Voluntary and Independent Settings	Yes
Steve Morrison	Academy	Yes
Vacant	Academy (Primary)	
Mike Antoniou	Academy	Yes
Simon Eccles	Special School Academy	Sub Steph Lea - Spa Camberwell
Yomi Adewoye	Pupil Referral Units	
Sister Anne-Marie Niblock	Secondary School Headteacher	Yes
Vacant	FE SEN	Awaiting nomination
Catherine May	Diocesan Boards	Apologies
Betty Joseph	Trade Unions	Yes

**Senior Officers in Attendance**

Nina Dohel	Yes
Russell Dyer	Yes
Dave Richards	Yes
Yvonne Ely	Apologies
Terry Segarty	Yes
David Cross	Clerk

<b>Date:</b> 19 March 2020	<b>Item</b> <b>5</b>	<b>Type of report:</b> Information
<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Dedicated Schools Grant 2019-20 Budget Monitor</b>	
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## Executive Summary

This report provides the January 2020 budget monitor for the 2019-20 Dedicated Schools Grant.

## Schools Forum Actions

The Schools Forum is asked to note:

- a) that the projected outturn for the 2019-20 Dedicated Schools Grant is an in-year deficit of £6.5m with a carry forward from previous years of £11.5m making a total deficit of £18m going forward to 2020-21
- b) the Local Authority has agreed with the Nursery school's Headteachers decision to distribute the 2020-21 Nursery School Supplementary Funding of £1.561m based on a number of formula factors in line with the 2019-20 financial year.

## 1. Budget Monitoring 2019-20

- 1.1 The overall budget monitoring position as at the end of January 2020 is summarised in the table below. The allocation is before block transfers are applied, namely the £3.2m movement from Schools Block to High Needs Block (£3.1m) and the movement from the Central Block to the High Needs Block (£0.1m) as approved by the Secretary of State.

	<b>DSG 2019-20 Allocation £m</b>	<b>Over/ (Underspend) £m</b>
Schools Block	122.732	(0.2)
High Needs Block	42.383	7.6
Early Years Block	26.747	(0.6)
Central Services	1.683	(0.3)
<b>Total</b>	<b>193.545</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Deficit as at 31 March 2019</b>		<b>11.5</b>
<b>Forecast Deficit as at 31 March 2020</b>		<b>18.0</b>

Note 1 - these figures are after recoupment for academies but before any block transfer

Note 2 – These figures now include the adjustment relating to the pupil numbers in January for Early Years pupils and Special Education Needs Children in other Local Authorities

## 2. Overall Commentary

- 2.1 The outturn position for the DSG as at 31 March 2019 was a £11.5m deficit which was an increase on the deficit as at 31 March 2018 of £4.1m.
- 2.2 The current forecast indicates a £6.5m in-year pressure on DSG after offsetting other underspends. The main area of pressure continues to be the high needs block with a pressure of £7.6m. The high needs forecast is predicated on a set level of increased activity and assumed unit cost values. Should these assumptions have changed significantly during the year, then the forecast will change.
- 2.3 Whilst budget monitoring for maintained settings in the borough has been improved via termly adjustments and is generally reliable, there is further ongoing work to enhance budget monitoring in other areas including non maintained settings, out of borough, independent/NMSS and FE/19-25. The Authority engaged management consultants to assist with this process and they have made recommendations to make improvements to budget monitoring in this area.
- 2.4 While the early years block is forecast to underspend, the funding will be adjusted retrospectively next July and this adjustment will be based on the January 2020 pupil numbers. It is still expected that that funds in the Early Years Block will be utilised to fund the SENDIF funding that was discussed at the 21 November 2019 meeting as part of the report of the Schools Forum Sub Group on high needs. This will also help to relieve the pressure on the high needs block.
- 2.5 Financial position on de-delegated budgets and Growth Fund

The summary position is shown in the table below:

2019-20	Budget £m	Forecast Outturn £m	Over/ (Underspends) £m
Schools in financial difficulty	0.5	0.5	0
Behaviour Support services (including Summerhouse)	1.6	1.6	0
Maternity	0.8	0.6	(0.2)
Trade Unions	0.1	0.1	0
Growth Funds	0.1	0.1	0
Falling Rolls	0.1	0.1	0

- 2.6 The Schools in Financial Difficulty Fund is perhaps not surprisingly showing signs of pressure. The panel last met in December and will meet again in March. When a panel convenes, the exact costs of redundancies is not always known. A case is usually agreed by the panel on the basis of a maximum cost they are prepared to meet, while they await the redundancy cost to be confirmed.

- 2.7 Most of the cases put forward to the panel in December will result in restructures at the end of the spring term and the cost will fall in next year. At the moment though it is still unclear the exact amount that will be needed to fund next year, but early indications are that the fund will be used in full. It will be recommended to the Schools Forum in due course that if there is any underspend it will be carried forward to next year. At the moment the forecast has been left at a balanced position.
- 2.8 The maternity fund at the moment has paid out just under £450k. Traditionally schools are slow in submitting claims and most come in at the year end, although the trend in the number of cases are slightly lower this year. If this year is similar, there could be an underspend of £0.2m and this has been assumed.
- 2.9 The Trade Unions Facility Time budget has been overspent in the past few years. The Local Authority changed the method of allocating funds from the fund to reimburse the cost of the supply based on an average rate. This is now confirmed as £280 per day. It is expected the fund will be in balance at the end of the year.
- 2.9 The growth fund (£0.1m) has been fully allocated but no further calls are expected on this.
- 2.10 The falling rolls fund is set at £0.1m, the panel has agreed one further application and the fund will be fully spent. The panel met on the 5 February 2020. The panel considered four bids in all in accordance with its terms of reference which states that a school must meet the following criteria
- Judged 'good' or 'outstanding' at their last Ofsted inspection (this is a mandatory requirement).
  - Surplus capacity exceeds 30 pupils or 20% of the published admissions number.
  - Local planning data shows a requirement for at least 50% of the surplus places within the next 2 years. Formula funding available to the school will not support provision of an appropriate curriculum for the existing cohort.
  - The school will need to make redundancies in order to contain spending within its formula budget.
  - It does not have a surplus balance in excess of 5% of its school budget share as at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019 (or the relevant academic years in the case of academies).
  - All the criteria need to be met for the bid to be considered.
- 2.11 The over-arching purpose of the fund is to provide short term funding to protect those schools where there is a temporary reduction in pupils. The fund provides support to the school to avoid a school making a redundancy only for them to employ another teacher within two years as the pupil roll rises.
- 2.12 The panel felt that in two cases, that while the roll was falling it was anticipated it would not rise in the short term. There was one school where the numbers were rising but it was felt not

sufficiently to meet the requirement for at least 50% of the surplus places to be needed within the next 2 years. The successful bid was from a school where the pupil numbers would rise again in the short term. The school is in an area where there are plans for significant building works.

### **3 Schools Financial Position**

- 3.1 At the end of each quarter we collect financial data from schools. The last quarter's data was to the end of December. Each school forecasts their March end of year financial position. The December 2019 data is showing there will be 30 schools in overall deficit (40% of our schools) and their debt is £4m (for comparison at the end of March 2019, there were 19 schools in deficit and their debts were £2.2m). Often schools are overall pessimistic in their forecasts and it is expected that the number of schools will reduce marginally.

### **4 Pupil Premium Rates**

- 4.1 In 2019-20 schools received £1,320 for every primary age pupil, or £935 for every secondary age pupil, who claim free school meals, or who has claimed free school meals in the last 6 years.

From April 2020 the new rates will be:

- £1,345 per primary-aged pupil
- £955 per secondary-aged pupil

- 4.2 Looked-after and previously looked-after children

Schools in 2019-20 received £2,300 for every pupil who has left local authority care through adoption, a special guardianship order or child arrangements order. Under the regulations a local authority receives the same amount for each child they are looking after; they must work with the school to decide how the money is used to support the child's Personal Education Plan.

From April 2020, the new rate will be £2,345 per eligible pupil.

- 4.3 HM Forces Service premium

The service premium is not part of the pupil premium as the rules to attract the service premium are different and is to help with pastoral support of those children eligible.

Schools get £300 for every pupil with a parent who:

- is serving in HM Forces
- has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence

From April 2020 the new service premium rate will be £310 per pupil.

## **5. Nursery Supplementary funding**

- 5.1 The Nursery schools have agreed to continue in 2020-21 with the current mechanism of distribution of the supplementary funding of £1.6m amongst the 5 nursery schools. This funding is over and above the funding given to Nursery classes in primary schools and private, voluntary and independent provide. The supplementary funding is currently distributed on the following factors
- Lump Sum
  - Pupils
  - English as an Additional Language
  - NNDR – Business Rates

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## Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the Schools Block for 2020-21.

## Schools Forum Actions

The Schools Forum is asked to comment on:

- the proposals concerning the redistribution of funds (para 3)
- the potential expansion of the falling rolls fund and contingency (para 3.5)
- the proposals to reduce the services funded from the high needs block (para 4)

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Authority (LA) is required to submit each year details of the mainstream school funding formula to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The funding formula is based on data provided by the ESFA although there is some scope to make some changes; the funding rates need to be agreed with the Schools Forum.
- 1.2 The meeting of the Schools Forum on the 15 January 2020 supported the LA revised proposal to transfer £4.6m from the Schools Block to the High Needs block. In order to do this the Local Authority had to seek the permission of the Secretary of State for Education. The LA also set the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) at 1.05%
- 1.3 The Secretary of State responded on the 13 February rejecting the transfer of £4.6m but as the national regulations state he noted that 0.5% of the school's block can be transferred without his approval. This amounts to £1.3m leaving a balance of £3.3m not approved.
- 1.4 The Local Authority has written to the Secretary of State asking for him to re-consider his decision pending any other action. His response is awaited.

## 2. Consequence of Secretary of State's Decision

- 2.1 Local Authorities have a statutory requirement to notify schools of their final allocations for the following year by the end of February. As the discussions with the Secretary are on-going a letter was sent to schools on the 28 February 2020 explaining the issue. The individual school allocations are provided with the letter on the assumption the schools block transfer would be agreed in due course.
- 2.2 There are a number of permutations that could now arise, and it is difficult to plan for all scenarios. Perhaps the most likely outcome is one of the two extremes, that the transfer is agreed in full £4.6m or that it remains at £1.3m. At this point in time it is also difficult to say when any final decision will be made.
- 2.3 If the school block transfer is reduced then planning needs to take place on how this is put back into schools budgets and also how the reduced funding in the High Needs budget is dealt with. The next two Schools Forum meetings are scheduled for 14th May 2020 and 9 July 2020 and it would seem appropriate to seek now the views of the Schools Forum on a number of strategies now.

### **3 Schools Budgets**

- 3.1 If the proposed transfer remains at £1.3m then that requires funding to be returned to schools budgets and how that is best achieved. At the moment the allocations provided to schools and supported by the Schools Forum assumed the only change in formula was to increase the minimum funding guarantee by 1%. This was on the basis that virtually all schools in Southwark would be on the MFG and it gave an even distribution of the extra funding in the settlement.
- 3.2 With £3.3m potential funding going into schools budgets then the distribution between schools is more uneven and some schools will be on the MFG and some not.
- 3.3 Looking at Southwark schools, and those in most difficulty, undoubtedly these are in the primary sector, where pupil numbers are falling. If we are to support these schools then the approach would need to be an increase in the lump sum factor currently set at £137k. There is a maximum limit set by national regulations of £175,000. The remainder could be distributed by the basic entitlement or as was more commonly known the Age Weighted Pupil Unit(AWPU)

Two models have been looked at:

- Increasing the lump sum to £175,000 and adding the remaining funds to the basic entitlement

Or

- Increasing the MFG to 1.84% which is the maximum and adding the remainder to the basis entitlement

- 3.4 The Schools Forum are asked for their views in order to assist the LA in preparing financial models for the May/July meetings of the Schools Forum.
- 3.5 Alternatively, the LA could look at expanding the falling rolls fund or increasing the contingency de-delegation fund to support more schools with falling rolls and deficits. The view of the Schools Forum would be welcome.

#### **4 High Needs Block**

- 4.1 If the school block transfer does not go ahead as proposed, further savings have to be made to the High Needs Block. To consider this it is perhaps useful to return to the consultation that took place with schools on the school block transfer, which considered alternative strategies to the transfer.

The consultation asked schools their thoughts on reducing:

- Family Early Help
- Behaviour and SEN services

- 4.2 The impact of this was analysed in the consultation document and stated:

“These reductions would impact on service delivery across SEN, behaviour and Family Early Help. There are a number of potential outcomes. In the short term schools would receive less support, and so may need to purchase these services from private providers leading to a higher overall cost.

“In the longer term there is a likelihood that the needs of children would escalate, for example there may be more permanent exclusions in the future, raising the cost of alternative provision and create the need for even more savings in the high needs block. Schools may find the EHCP’s would take longer to process far beyond that which is currently experienced. There also may be a rationing of other services for high needs children.

At the time the responses were mixed and the Schools Forum is invited to comment.

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		38394	198	243,712,421	249,468,774	5,756,353	2.3%	252,754,630	3,285,855	1.3%		252,760,905	3,292,131	1.3%			
3492	St Jude's CofE	85	(3)	622,056	610,760	(11,296)	-1.8%	632,836	22,076	3.5%		614,434	3,674	0.6%			
2621	Victory	135	(10)	919,021	877,055	(41,966)	-4.8%	914,551	37,496	4.1%		887,751	10,696	1.2%			
3445	St George's CofE	149	4	876,548	905,123	28,575	3.2%	948,394	43,270	4.6%		922,714	17,590	1.9%			
3468	St John's Walworth CofE	150	(25)	1,009,653	893,345	(116,308)	-13.0%	941,941	48,596	5.2%		916,341	22,996	2.6%			
3516	Peter Hills with St Mary's & St Paul's CofE	155	(14)	995,166	932,804	(62,363)	-6.7%	973,022	40,218	4.1%		947,822	15,018	1.6%			
3508	St Mary Magdalene CofE	160	(43)	1,157,680	951,771	(205,910)	-21.6%	987,724	35,953	3.6%		962,924	11,153	1.2%			
2609	Townsend	163	(5)	1,025,273	1,027,410	2,137	0.2%	1,068,359	40,949	3.8%		1,043,799	16,389	1.6%			
5204	St Joseph's Catholic Infants	166	7	943,538	987,738	44,200	4.5%	1,029,907	42,170	4.1%		1,005,587	17,850	1.8%			
3586	St Peter's CofE	167	(20)	1,075,772	987,932	(87,840)	-8.9%	1,046,908	58,976	5.6%		1,022,668	34,736	3.5%			
2607	Tower Bridge	180	(8)	1,146,429	1,115,521	(30,908)	-2.8%	1,149,476	33,956	3.0%		1,126,276	10,756	1.0%			
5205	Friars	180	(11)	1,104,105	1,062,199	(41,906)	-3.9%	1,122,839	60,640	5.4%		1,099,639	37,440	3.5%			
2308	Hollydale	183	(23)	1,237,030	1,127,780	(109,250)	-9.7%	1,133,689	5,909	0.5%		1,135,348	7,568	0.7%			
2560	Snowfields	191	4	1,105,770	1,138,675	32,905	2.9%	1,167,922	29,247	2.5%		1,146,314	7,639	0.7%			
3399	St James the Great RC	199	(1)	1,152,239	1,158,003	5,764	0.5%	1,210,164	52,161	4.3%		1,188,484	30,481	2.6%			
3447	St George's Cathedral Catholic	200	(11)	1,195,615	1,151,268	(44,347)	-3.9%	1,166,444	15,177	1.3%		1,159,147	7,879	0.7%			
3476	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	202	3	1,144,604	1,170,697	26,093	2.2%	1,211,455	40,758	3.4%		1,190,015	19,318	1.7%			
3484	St Joseph's Borough Catholic	202	(3)	1,177,723	1,175,115	(2,607)	-0.2%	1,226,000	50,885	4.2%		1,204,560	29,445	2.5%			
2038	Bellenden	204	(29)	1,417,157	1,270,811	(146,345)	-11.5%	1,323,696	52,884	4.0%		1,302,416	31,604	2.5%			
2852	Pilgrims' Way	204	(2)	1,228,447	1,245,022	16,574	1.3%	1,290,532	45,510	3.5%		1,269,252	24,230	1.9%			
3593	Cathedral Sch of St Saviour & St Mary Overy	205	3	1,093,210	1,117,069	23,858	2.1%	1,169,362	52,293	4.5%		1,148,162	31,093	2.8%			
3669	St John's RC	205	1	1,182,387	1,198,610	16,224	1.4%	1,230,633	32,023	2.6%		1,209,433	10,823	0.9%			
2138	Crampton	207	3	1,193,289	1,222,028	28,739	2.4%	1,241,231	19,203	1.5%		1,230,275	8,247	0.7%			
3313	Boutcher CofE	208	2	1,168,593	1,189,792	21,199	1.8%	1,235,338	45,546	3.7%		1,214,378	24,586	2.1%			
2516	Robert Browning	219	(41)	1,531,398	1,335,395	(196,003)	-14.7%	1,365,343	29,948	2.2%		1,345,263	9,868	0.7%			
5207	Charlotte Sharman	222	(46)	1,523,716	1,307,269	(216,447)	-16.6%	1,334,096	26,827	2.0%		1,316,295	9,026	0.7%			
5203	St Joseph's Catholic Junior	228	(4)	1,312,638	1,304,582	(8,056)	-0.6%	1,357,821	53,239	3.9%		1,338,461	33,879	2.6%			
2123	Comber Grove	242	(23)	1,474,740	1,405,761	(68,979)	-4.9%	1,447,134	41,374	2.9%		1,428,894	23,134	1.6%			
5200	St Francesca Cabrini	265	(40)	1,657,841	1,473,599	(184,242)	-12.5%	1,514,676	41,077	2.7%		1,498,276	24,677	1.7%			
3337	Dulwich Village CofE	267	1	1,363,022	1,380,942	17,920	1.3%	1,442,241	61,299	4.3%		1,426,001	45,059	3.3%			
3670	Rye Oak	290	(25)	1,852,942	1,741,875	(111,067)	-6.4%	1,776,574	34,699	2.0%		1,762,174	20,299	1.2%			
2514	Riverside	295	(6)	1,788,461	1,776,953	(11,508)	-0.6%	1,777,315	363	0.0%		1,789,478	12,525	0.7%			
3341	English Martyrs RC	299	(20)	1,807,982	1,720,710	(87,272)	-5.1%	1,762,987	42,277	2.4%		1,749,307	28,597	1.7%			
2116	Cobourg	311	(47)	2,004,478	1,796,770	(207,708)	-11.6%	1,825,352	28,583	1.6%		1,812,632	15,863	0.9%			
3475	St Joseph's RC	316	1	1,668,507	1,690,048	21,540	1.3%	1,746,838	56,790	3.3%		1,734,518	44,470	2.6%			
2351	Keyworth	332	(19)	1,980,404	2,059,805	79,401	3.9%	2,079,866	20,061	1.0%		2,073,352	13,547	0.7%			

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2365	Dulwich Wood	332	(3)	1,994,865	1,877,848	(117,017)	-6.2%		1,877,793	(55)	0.0%	1,891,682	13,834	0.7%
2323	Ilderton	339	(27)	2,025,083	1,931,008	(94,074)	-4.9%		2,001,723	70,715	3.5%	1,991,243	60,235	3.1%
2085	Camelot	347	(56)	2,247,231	2,005,958	(241,274)	-12.0%		2,017,787	11,829	0.6%	2,020,141	14,183	0.7%
2263	Grange	363	6	2,101,005	2,172,659	71,654	3.3%		2,203,631	30,971	1.4%	2,195,071	22,411	1.0%
2161	Dog Kennel Hill	372	(28)	2,109,850	1,996,303	(113,547)	-5.7%		2,055,067	58,764	2.9%	2,047,227	50,924	2.6%
2855	Oliver Goldsmith	372	(13)	2,233,500	2,187,415	(46,086)	-2.1%		2,208,244	20,829	0.9%	2,202,875	15,460	0.7%
2858	Brunswick Park	374	(14)	2,249,421	2,198,128	(51,292)	-2.3%		2,242,465	44,337	2.0%	2,234,785	36,657	1.7%
2853	Alfred Salter	376	(6)	2,103,302	2,122,102	18,800	0.9%		2,169,487	47,385	2.2%	2,161,967	39,865	1.9%
2293	Heber	379	8	1,954,649	1,906,281	(48,368)	-2.5%		1,974,980	68,699	3.5%	1,967,700	61,419	3.2%
3460	St John's & St Clement's CofE	382	(14)	1,950,297	1,905,253	(45,044)	-2.4%		1,969,890	64,636	3.3%	1,962,850	57,596	3.0%
2526	Rotherhithe	388	(28)	2,463,426	2,334,185	(129,242)	-5.5%		2,336,347	2,163	0.1%	2,350,918	16,733	0.7%
3435	St Francis RC	394	(5)	2,120,663	2,116,691	(3,972)	-0.2%		2,185,292	68,601	3.1%	2,179,212	62,521	3.0%
5201	St Anthony's Catholic	396	(10)	2,011,971	1,985,556	(26,415)	-1.3%		2,055,439	69,883	3.4%	2,049,519	63,963	3.2%
2392	Lyndhurst	399	(2)	2,182,616	2,136,375	(46,241)	-2.2%		2,161,143	24,768	1.1%	2,155,463	19,088	0.9%
2562	Southwark Park	399	(3)	2,210,631	2,217,027	6,396	0.3%		2,233,704	16,677	0.7%	2,233,189	16,163	0.7%
2411	Michael Faraday	400	(5)	2,341,867	2,339,040	(2,826)	-0.1%		2,359,773	20,733	0.9%	2,355,517	16,477	0.7%
2003	Albion	406	15	2,313,812	2,375,962	62,149	2.6%		2,374,109	(1,852)	-0.1%	2,392,900	16,938	0.7%
2100	Charles Dickens	420	1	2,240,578	2,325,938	85,360	3.7%		2,378,581	52,643	2.2%	2,374,581	48,643	2.1%
2339	John Ruskin	426	5	2,340,374	2,433,566	93,192	3.8%		2,472,433	38,867	1.6%	2,468,913	35,347	1.5%
3452	St James' CofE	473	4	2,655,353	2,709,301	53,948	2.0%		2,778,756	69,455	2.5%	2,778,996	69,695	2.6%
2142	Crawford	496	(33)	2,918,410	2,770,178	(148,232)	-5.4%		2,799,399	29,221	1.0%	2,801,479	31,301	1.1%
2328	Ivydale	525	(4)	2,691,336	2,785,434	94,098	3.4%		2,818,795	33,361	1.2%	2,823,195	37,761	1.4%
2257	Goodrich	564	(6)	2,837,986	2,855,995	18,009	0.6%		2,893,779	37,784	1.3%	2,901,299	45,304	1.6%
2856	Bessemer Grange	572	(15)	2,995,465	3,048,511	53,045	1.7%		3,049,087	576	0.0%	3,070,336	21,826	0.7%
2848	Phoenix	597	27	3,076,310	3,255,856	179,546	5.5%		3,304,992	49,135	1.5%	3,315,152	59,295	1.8%
2009	John Keats	96	37	432,551	729,740	297,189	40.7%		779,628	49,888	6.4%	749,708	19,968	2.7%
2010	St Paul's CofE	218	(23)	1,377,478	1,271,886	(105,592)	-8.3%		1,301,277	29,392	2.3%	1,281,117	9,232	0.7%
2007	Galleywall	261	61	1,205,705	1,546,271	340,566	22.0%		1,566,051	19,779	1.3%	1,557,216	10,944	0.7%
2001	Harris Primary Free School Peckham	289	(41)	1,974,810	1,764,365	(210,446)	-11.9%		1,780,695	16,330	0.9%	1,777,046	12,682	0.7%
2857	Harris Primary Academy Peckham Park	308	(5)	1,762,759	1,753,921	(8,838)	-0.5%		1,792,051	38,129	2.1%	1,779,091	25,169	1.4%
2002	Judith Kerr Primary	317	25	1,472,705	1,601,353	128,647	8.0%		1,645,365	44,013	2.7%	1,633,125	31,773	2.0%
2008	Goose Green	341	(14)	1,809,309	1,760,242	(49,067)	-2.8%		1,821,494	61,252	3.4%	1,811,174	50,932	2.9%
2169	Dulwich Hamlet Junior	360	1	1,717,290	1,738,322	21,032	1.2%		1,801,353	63,031	3.5%	1,792,553	54,231	3.1%
2004	Harris Primary Academy East Dulwich	368	57	1,548,429	1,824,335	275,906	15.1%		1,863,448	39,113	2.1%	1,855,288	30,953	1.7%
2006	The Belham Primary School	385	59	1,703,590	2,045,016	341,426	16.7%		2,037,744	(7,271)	-0.4%	2,059,556	14,541	0.7%
2005	Angel Oak Academy	395	15	2,188,939	2,292,003	103,064	4.5%		2,290,109	(1,895)	-0.1%	2,308,787	16,783	0.7%

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5209	Surrey Square Primary	414	(4)	2,277,978		2,280,020	2,041	0.1%		2,319,578	39,558	1.7%		2,315,098	35,078	1.5%
2335	John Donne Primary	429	(18)	2,424,589		2,357,297	(67,293)	-2.9%		2,424,463	67,166	2.8%		2,421,183	63,886	2.7%
2500	Redriff Primary	508	(5)	2,714,729		2,716,657	1,928	0.1%		2,720,178	3,521	0.1%		2,736,700	20,043	0.7%
	Secondary															
5404	Notre Dame Roman Catholic Girls'	613	(4)	4,914,528		4,934,120	19,592	0.4%		4,933,971	(148)	0.0%		4,971,341	37,221	0.8%
4680	St Saviour's and St Olave's CofE	628	2	4,770,645		4,834,729	64,084	1.3%		4,894,503	59,774	1.2%		4,907,143	72,414	1.5%
5402	The St Thomas the Apostle College	785	34	5,936,456		6,245,931	309,476	5.0%		6,243,817	(2,115)	0.0%		6,293,319	47,388	0.8%
4006	Haberdashers' Aske's Borough Academy	277	173	844,530		2,213,950	1,369,420	61.9%		2,193,081	(20,870)	-1.0%		2,229,812	15,862	0.7%
4000	Compass School Southwark	398	22	3,174,070		3,384,445	210,375	6.2%		3,402,484	18,040	0.5%		3,409,671	25,226	0.7%
6906	Harris Academy Peckham	541	36	4,167,222		4,630,528	463,306	10.0%		4,682,107	51,579	1.1%		4,687,787	57,259	1.2%
4001	Ark All Saints Academy	603	1	4,900,051		4,958,777	58,726	1.2%		4,983,989	25,212	0.5%		4,996,012	37,235	0.8%
5405	Sacred Heart Catholic School	663	(1)	5,085,378		5,130,634	45,256	0.9%		5,207,310	76,676	1.5%		5,222,750	92,116	1.8%
4002	University Academy of Engineering SB	689	36	5,233,141		5,567,302	334,161	6.0%		5,580,030	12,728	0.2%		5,609,232	41,930	0.8%
4003	The Charter School East Dulwich	706	181	3,731,524		5,144,344	1,412,820	27.5%		5,188,328	43,984	0.8%		5,207,208	62,864	1.2%
5403	St Michael's Catholic College	723	21	5,398,937		5,627,792	228,856	4.1%		5,626,261	(1,531)	0.0%		5,670,159	42,366	0.8%
6908	Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	732	10	5,627,631		5,761,466	133,836	2.3%		5,760,545	(921)	0.0%		5,804,743	43,277	0.8%
6913	Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich	734	13	5,563,152		5,718,719	155,567	2.7%		5,751,152	32,432	0.6%		5,772,272	53,552	0.9%
6907	Harris Academy Bermondsey	800	53	6,000,884		6,482,838	481,954	7.4%		6,485,497	2,659	0.0%		6,532,057	49,219	0.8%
4005	Bacon's College	866	(8)	6,929,461		6,941,125	11,664	0.2%		6,999,676	58,552	0.8%		7,031,356	90,232	1.3%
6909	Ark Walworth Academy	888	(3)	7,106,045		7,150,739	44,694	0.6%		7,218,951	68,212	0.9%		7,252,391	101,652	1.4%
4318	The Charter School North Dulwich	909	(1)	6,179,268		6,236,633	57,366	0.9%		6,255,085	18,452	0.3%		6,290,205	53,572	0.9%
6912	Ark Globe Academy	1127	21	8,053,074		8,287,680	234,606	2.8%		8,348,486	60,806	0.7%		8,401,046	113,366	1.4%
6905	City of London Academy (Southwark)	1168	(24)	9,331,174		9,243,072	(88,103)	-1.0%		9,294,290	51,219	0.6%		9,350,130	107,059	1.2%
4265	Kingsdale Foundation School	1978	147	12,646,952		13,789,715	1,142,763	8.3%		13,786,270	(3,445)	0.0%		13,896,031	106,315	0.8%

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## Executive Summary

This report sets out the Individual Schools Allocations for 2020/21

## Schools Forum Actions

To comment and note the report

### 1. Background

- 1.1 Schools revenue funding is provided by central government via the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The DSG is split into 4 blocks: the schools block; the central block, the high needs block and the early years block.
- 1.2 The Schools Block is distributed to schools through a funding formula, although the block can be top-sliced for growth funds, falling rolls funds and transfers to other blocks. This is subject to the decisions of the Schools Forum and in some circumstances the Secretary of State. Within the formula there have to be predetermined factors that are stipulated by central government, such as pupil numbers, free meal numbers, lump sums etc which must be used. The data is supplied by the Department for Education.
- 1.3 The Local Authority proposes a formula to the Schools Forum but decides any formula changes (including redistributions), the Schools Forum must be consulted. At the last meeting the Schools Forum agreed to support the LA proposal for a transfer between the funding blocks and set the minimum funding guarantee at 1.05%.

### 2. Outcome of Applying the Formula

- 2.1 The attached appendix shows the allocations for 2020-21 by school and the changes in the allocation from this year (2019-20). The interpretation of the difference between each years allocation is somewhat difficult as the data used is updated for each year and this will include pupil characteristics such as social deprivation.
- 2.2 For the 2020/21 year the data has been updated from the October 2018 census to the October 2019 census, which is now used for the 2020-21 allocations. The main changes are in pupil numbers and for ease this change is shown, there are also changes in free school meal data as well as in some cases quite significant changes in NNDR (national non-domestic rates) or as it sometimes is better known Business Rates

- 2.3 Overall, there has been an increase in funding of £5.7m. Although this hides the fact that the primary school funding has decreased by £0.9m while secondary funding has increased by £6.6m. Further analysis shows there are 7 secondary schools who have received increases of £5.5m between them.
- 2.4 There are 28 schools with less than 250 pupils and their numbers have declined by 6%, reducing their budgets by £1.2m or on average by £42k. With two schools facing falls in funding of over £200k and one school is just under £200k.
- 2.5 Off-setting these increases in funding is the impact of inflation on costs. While the teachers pay award is not yet confirmed it is expected to increase the pay bill by 3% from September 2020. We are not expecting the Teachers Pay Grant to increase though. Likewise, a pay award for support staff has not been agreed but is expected to be 2.5% from April 2020. Costs are anticipated to increase generally by around 2.75%. From this, the funding settlement does represent a reduction in real terms.

### **3. Conclusion**

While there was extra funding in the schools settlement this year, and is welcome, this will in the main benefit Secondary Schools. The impact of inflation and the continued decline in pupil numbers in primary schools means that any real terms increase for most schools is negligible.

Appendix A is attached as an excel spreadsheet

Schools budget allocations sent to schools on the 28 February 2020									Schools Forum
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DFE No	Sector	School	Pupil Numbers			Individual School Budgets			
			2020/21	2019/21	Change	2020/21	2019/21	Change	
						£	£	£	
2103492	P	St Jude's Church of England Primary School	85	88	- 3	610,760	622,056	- 11,296	
2102621	P	Victory Primary School	135	145	- 10	877,055	919,021	- 41,966	
2103445	P	St George's Church of England Primary School	149	145	4	905,123	876,548	28,575	
2103468	P	St John's Walworth Church of England Primary School	150	175	- 25	893,345	1,009,653	- 116,308	
2103516	P	Peter Hills with St Mary's and St Paul's CofE Primary School	155	169	- 14	932,804	995,166	- 62,363	
2103508	P	St Mary Magdalene Church of England Primary School	160	203	- 43	951,771	1,157,680	- 205,910	
2102609	P	Townsend Primary School	163	168	- 5	1,027,410	1,025,273	2,137	
2105204	P	St Joseph's Catholic Infants School	166	159	7	987,738	943,538	44,200	
2103586	P	St Peter's Church of England Primary School	167	187	- 20	987,932	1,075,772	- 87,840	
2102607	P	Tower Bridge Primary School	180	188	- 8	1,115,521	1,146,429	- 30,908	
2105205	P	Friars Primary Foundation School	180	191	- 11	1,062,199	1,104,105	- 41,906	
2102308	P	Hollydale Primary School	183	206	- 23	1,127,780	1,237,030	- 109,250	
2102560	P	Snowsfields Primary School	191	187	4	1,138,675	1,105,770	32,905	
2103399	P	St James the Great Roman Catholic Primary School	199	200	- 1	1,158,003	1,152,239	5,764	
2103447	P	St George's Cathedral Catholic Primary School	200	211	- 11	1,151,268	1,195,615	- 44,347	
2103476	P	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	202	199	3	1,170,697	1,144,604	26,093	
2103484	P	Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School, the Borough	202	205	- 3	1,175,115	1,177,723	- 2,607	
2102038	P	Bellenden Primary School	204	233	- 29	1,270,811	1,417,157	- 146,345	
2102852	P	Pilgrims' Way Primary School	204	206	- 2	1,245,022	1,228,447	16,574	
2103593	P	The Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary Overy	205	202	3	1,117,069	1,093,210	23,858	
2103669	P	St John's Roman Catholic Primary School	205	204	1	1,198,610	1,182,387	16,224	
2102138	P	Crampton Primary	207	204	3	1,222,028	1,193,289	28,739	
2103313	P	Boutcher Church of England Primary School	208	206	2	1,189,792	1,168,593	21,199	
2102516	P	Robert Browning Primary School	219	260	- 41	1,335,395	1,531,398	- 196,003	
2105207	P	Charlotte Sharman Primary School	222	268	- 46	1,307,269	1,523,716	- 216,447	
2105203	P	St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	228	232	- 4	1,304,582	1,312,638	- 8,056	
2102123	P	Comber Grove School	242	265	- 23	1,405,761	1,474,740	- 68,979	
2105200	P	St Francesca Cabrini Primary School	265	305	- 40	1,473,599	1,657,841	- 184,242	
2103337	P	Dulwich Village Church of England Infants' School	267	266	1	1,380,942	1,363,022	17,920	
2103670	P	Rye Oak Primary School	290	315	- 25	1,741,875	1,852,942	- 111,067	
2102514	P	Riverside Primary School	295	301	- 6	1,776,953	1,788,461	- 11,508	
2103341	P	English Martyrs Roman Catholic Primary School	299	319	- 20	1,720,710	1,807,982	- 87,272	

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2102116	P	Cobourg Primary School	311	358	- 47	1,796,770	2,004,478	- 207,708	
2103475	P	St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School	316	315	1	1,690,048	1,668,507	21,540	
2102351	P	Keyworth Primary School	332	351	- 19	2,059,805	1,980,404	79,401	
2102365	P	Dulwich Wood Primary School	332	335	- 3	1,877,848	1,994,865	- 117,017	
2102323	P	Ilderton Primary School	339	366	- 27	1,931,008	2,025,083	- 94,074	
2102085	P	Camelot Primary School	347	403	- 56	2,005,958	2,247,231	- 241,274	
2102263	P	Grange Primary School	363	357	6	2,172,659	2,101,005	71,654	
2102161	P	Dog Kennel Hill School	372	400	- 28	1,996,303	2,109,850	- 113,547	
2102855	P	Oliver Goldsmith Primary School	372	385	- 13	2,187,415	2,233,500	- 46,086	
2102858	P	Brunswick Park Primary School	374	388	- 14	2,198,128	2,249,421	- 51,292	
2102853	P	Alfred Salter Primary School	376	382	- 6	2,122,102	2,103,302	18,800	
2102293	P	Heber Primary School	379	371	8	1,906,281	1,954,649	- 48,368	
2103460	P	St John's and St Clement's Church of England Primary School	382	396	- 14	1,905,253	1,950,297	- 45,044	
2102526	P	Rotherhithe Primary School	388	416	- 28	2,334,185	2,463,426	- 129,242	
2103435	P	St Francis RC Primary School	394	399	- 5	2,116,691	2,120,663	- 3,972	
2105201	P	St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	396	406	- 10	1,985,556	2,011,971	- 26,415	
2102392	P	Lyndhurst Primary School	399	401	- 2	2,136,375	2,182,616	- 46,241	
2102562	P	Southwark Park Primary School	399	402	- 3	2,217,027	2,210,631	6,396	
2102411	P	Michael Faraday School	400	405	- 5	2,339,040	2,341,867	- 2,826	
2102003	P	Albion Primary School	406	391	15	2,375,962	2,313,812	62,149	
2102100	P	Charles Dickens Primary School	420	419	1	2,325,938	2,240,578	85,360	
2102339	P	John Ruskin Primary School and Language Classes	426	421	5	2,433,566	2,340,374	93,192	
2103452	P	St James' Church of England Primary School	473	469	4	2,709,301	2,655,353	53,948	
2102142	P	Crawford Primary School	496	529	- 33	2,770,178	2,918,410	- 148,232	
2102328	P	Ivydale Primary School	525	529	- 4	2,785,434	2,691,336	94,098	
2102257	P	Goodrich Community Primary School	564	570	- 6	2,855,995	2,837,986	18,009	
2102856	P	Bessemer Grange Primary School	572	587	- 15	3,048,511	2,995,465	53,045	
2102848	P	Phoenix Primary School	597	570	27	3,255,856	3,076,310	179,546	
2102009	P	John Keats Primary School	96	59	37	729,740	432,551	297,189	
2102010	P	St Paul's Church of England Primary School	218	241	- 23	1,271,886	1,377,478	- 105,592	
2102007	P	Galleywall Primary	261	200	61	1,546,271	1,205,705	340,566	
2102001	P	Harris Primary Free School Peckham	289	330	- 41	1,764,365	1,974,810	- 210,446	

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2102857	P	Harris Primary Academy Peckham Park	308	313	- 5		1,753,921	1,762,759	- 8,838
2102002	P	Judith Kerr Primary School	317	292	25		1,601,353	1,472,705	128,647
2102008	P	Goose Green Primary and Nursery School	341	355	- 14		1,760,242	1,809,309	- 49,067
2102169	P	Dulwich Hamlet Junior School	360	359	1		1,738,322	1,717,290	21,032
2102004	P	Harris Primary Academy East Dulwich	368	311	57		1,824,335	1,548,429	275,906
2102006	P	The Belham Primary School	385	326	59		2,045,016	1,703,590	341,426
2102005	P	Angel Oak Academy	395	380	15		2,292,003	2,188,939	103,064
2105209	P	Surrey Square Primary School	414	418	- 4		2,280,020	2,277,978	2,041
2102335	P	John Donne Primary School	429	447	- 18		2,357,297	2,424,589	- 67,293
2102500	P	Redriff Primary School	508	513	- 5		2,716,657	2,714,729	1,928
2105404	S	Notre Dame Roman Catholic Girls' School	613	617	- 4		4,934,120	4,914,528	19,592
2104680	S	St Saviour's and St Olave's Church of England School	628	626	2		4,834,729	4,770,645	64,084
2105402	S	The St Thomas the Apostle College	785	751	34		6,245,931	5,936,456	309,476
2104006	S	Haberdashers' Aske's Borough Academy	277	104	173		2,213,950	844,530	1,369,420
2104000	S	Compass School Southwark	398	376	22		3,384,445	3,174,070	210,375
2106906	S	Harris Academy Peckham	541	505	36		4,630,528	4,167,222	463,306
2104001	S	Ark All Saints Academy	603	602	1		4,958,777	4,900,051	58,726
2105405	S	Sacred Heart Catholic School	663	664	- 1		5,130,634	5,085,378	45,256
2104002	S	University Academy of Engineering South Bank	689	653	36		5,567,302	5,233,141	334,161
2104003	S	The Charter School East Dulwich	706	525	181		5,144,344	3,731,524	1,412,820
2105403	S	St Michael's Catholic College	723	702	21		5,627,792	5,398,937	228,856
2106908	S	Harris Girls' Academy East Dulwich	732	722	10		5,761,466	5,627,631	133,836
2106913	S	Harris Boys' Academy East Dulwich	734	721	13		5,718,719	5,563,152	155,567
2106907	S	Harris Academy Bermondsey	800	747	53		6,482,838	6,000,884	481,954
2104005	S	Bacon's College	866	874	- 8		6,941,125	6,929,461	11,664
2106909	S	Ark Walworth Academy	888	891	- 3		7,150,739	7,106,045	44,694
2104318	S	The Charter School North Dulwich	909	910	- 1		6,236,633	6,179,268	57,366
2106912	S	Ark Globe Academy	1,127	1,106	21		8,287,680	8,053,074	234,606
2106905	S	City of London Academy (Southwark)	1,168	1,192	- 24		9,243,072	9,331,174	- 88,103
2104265	S	Kingsdale Foundation School	1,978	1,831	147		13,789,716	12,646,952	1,142,764
			38,394	38,196	198		249,468,774	243,712,421	5,756,353

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### Executive Summary

This report provides the Schools Forum with the timetable for schools to complete the process for closing the 2019-20 financial accounts.

### 1. Timetable for Closing the 2019-20 Accounts

1.1 Schools will be able to close their accounts during the period 23 March 2020 to 1 April 2020. This fits in with the corporate timetable to ensure that the final accounts of the authority are published on time. A briefing session was held for school business managers on the 27 February 2020. The full timetable is below:

<b>Action</b>		<b>Date</b>
Schools Finance to issue -	Maternity template Remuneration template Leases Template	05/02/2020
Schools Finance holds	Year End Closing Session	27/02/2020
Schools to submit returns -	Maternity Trade Union Duties Leases Remuneration returns	02/03/2020
Schools to submit returns -	February VAT Claim	06/03/2020
Schools Finance to issue	March Funding Profile	16/03/2020
Payroll Providers make	Draft or Final report available	13/03/2020
Schools Finance to issue	Closing Template	17/03/2020
Opening of Permitted Window for Closing Accounts		<b>23/03/2020</b>
Schools to submit returns -	Submit SFVS return	31/03/2020
<b>Deadline to submit Closing Template and Backing Papers</b>		<b>1/04/2020</b>
Schools to submit any Non-NatWest Bank Statement for the full month of March 2020		01/04/2020
All Returns Received, Checked and Corrections etc completed		03/04/2020
School Closing data built into the Council Accounts:		<b>05/04/2020</b>
School term ends		03/04/2020
School term starts		20/04/2020