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Dedicated Schools Grant 2024-25 Allocations

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report sets out the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) income allocation for 2024-25 and provides details of the changes in comparison to the 2023-24 allocation.

Schools Forum Actions

2. The Schools Forum is asked to note:
 - The provisional 2024-25 DSG allocation of £397.6m before recoupment (funding that goes direct to academies & free schools, including growth, per place funding for high needs and the NNDR adjustment).

Background

3. This paper mainly considers the announcement on the 19 December 2023 by Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) on the Funding Settlement for 2024-25.

Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation 2024-25

4. The provisional DSG allocation for 2024-25, before deductions for academies recoupment (including growing free schools), is £397.6m, an increase of £23.2m from last year's figure of £374.4m. However, of the increase of £23.2m, £7.7m relates to the estimated take up of the new Early Years entitlement which at present is a speculative figure. While the DSG has been set at this level, it will change for adjustments to pupil numbers.
 - 4.1. The DSG is set out in four blocks; schools block, central block, early years block and the high needs block.

Table 1: DSG allocations for 2024/25 with 2023/24 comparison

DSG Block Summary Funding	2024/25	2023/24	Change	%
	£m's	£m's	£m's	
Schools block (£s)	285.88	285.75*	0.13	0.0%
Central school services block (£s)	1.91	1.88	0.03	1.5%
High needs block (£s)	74.93	71.84**	3.09	4.3%
Early years block (£s)	34.92	24.01	10.91	45.4%
Total DSG allocation (£s)	397.64	374.45	23.19	6.2%

* Adjusted to include the 2023/24 MSAG grant (£9m)

** Adjusted to include the 2023/24 High Needs Additional Grant (£2.9m)

4.2. The funding for the schools block is made up of 5 elements, an amount per pupil for primary pupils, and an amount per pupil for secondary pupils, a premises amount and a growth & falling rolls fund amount. The changes from last year are shown in the table below.

Table 2: Analysis of changes to the Schools block within the DSG 2024/25 and 2023/24

Pupil Numbers	2024/25	2023/24	Change	%
Primary	20,123.5	20,691.5	-568	-2.7%
Secondary	16,258.5	16,118.0	140.5	0.9%
Total	36,382.0	36,809.5	-427.5	-1.2%

Overall Funding	2024/25	2023/24	Change	%
	£m	£m	£m	
Primary	132.0	130.4	1.6	1.2%
Secondary	148.3	141.7	6.6	4.6%
Pupil Led Funding Total	280.3	272.1	8.2	3.0%
Premises	4.1	3.4	0.7	20.4%
Growth Funds	1.0	1.2	-0.2	-14.6%
Falling Rolls Funding	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Schools Block - Total Funding	285.9	276.7	9.2	3.3%
New Grant in 2023-24				
MSAG Grant	0	9.0	-9.0	
Total Schools	285.9	285.8	0.13	0.046%

4.3. Table 2 considers the income we receive and not the allocations we give to our schools, the inter-relationship with the income and our allocations are detailed in Appendix A in item 7 on this agenda.

Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG)

5. In 2023-24 the new TPAG grant was introduced to support schools with the September 2023 teachers pay increase. This grant is continuing into 2024-25 for the full year, before the funding is rolled into the DSG funding for 2025-26. The DfE will publish school level allocations of the mainstream schools' portion of TPAG for the 2024 to 2025 financial year in May 2024.
- 5.1. For 2024-25 maintained Special Schools and AP settings will continue to receive a separate allocation, the distribution of which will be agreed with impacted schools in line with DfE expectations. New for 2024-25, maintained Hospital schools will receive a separate allocation to the other specialist settings.

Pupil Premium Rates

6. Funding rates for the pupil premium grant in the financial year 2024-25 have been inflated by between 1.4% and 1.7% and these are detailed in the table below.

Table 4: Pupil Premium rates 2024/25

Pupil Premium Rates	2024/25	2023/24	Change	%
	£	£	£	
Primary Pupils	1,480	1,455	25	1.72%
Secondary Pupils	1,050	1,035	15	1.45%
Looked after Children	2,570	2,530	40	1.58%
Children who ceased to be looked after	2,570	2,530	40	1.58%
Service Children	340	335	5	1.49%