



LEEDS SCHOOL FORUM

**Meeting to be held in Merrion House, Second Floor Meeting suite rooms 3 and 4 on
Thursday, 14th November, 2019 at 4.45 pm**

MEMBERSHIP

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David Gurney, E. Academy Reps - Cockburn School
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John Thorne, E. Academy Reps - Co-operative Academy Priesthorpe
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Siobhan Roberts, E. Academy Reps - Cockburn John Charles Academy
Joe Barton, E. Academy Reps - Woodkirk Academy
Anna Mackenzie, E. Academy Reps - Richmond Hill Academy
Danny Carr, E. Academy Reps - Dixons Academy
Scott Jacques, F. Academy (Special) - Springwell Leeds East Academy
Ben Mallinson, G. Academy (AP) - The Stephen Longfellow Academy
Diane Reynard, I. Special School Principal - East / NW SILC - SILC Principals
Patrick Murphy, J. Non School - Schools JCC
Angela Cox, J. Non School - Leeds Catholic Diocese
Vicky Hallas-Fawcett, J. Non School - PVI Nursery Provider
Cllr Dan Cohen (Leeds School Forum), J. Jewish Faith Schools

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Item No	Title	Lead	Time	Purpose
1.	APOLOGIES		16:45	For information
2.	INTRODUCTIONS		16:50	For information
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 3 - 8		16:55	For decision
4.	MATTERS ARISING		17:00	For decision
5.	HIGH NEEDS ESTIMATES 2020/21 AND 2021/22 9 - 14		17:10	For information
6.	SCHOOL FUNDING PROPOSALS 2020/21 15 - 50		17:40	For decision
7.	FORWARD PLAN See attached 51 - 52		18:15	For decision
8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		18:10	For decision
9.	NEXT MEETING			For information

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**Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday, 10th October, 2019, Times Not Specified at Merrion House, Meeting Suite rooms 3
and 4, second floor**

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Item		Action
1	APOLOGIES	
	Angela Cox, Dan Cohen, John Garvani, Danny Carr, Jim Ebbs, Ben Mallinson, Scott Jacques, Siobhan Roberts, John Hutchinson	
2	INTRODUCTIONS	
	The Chair welcomed everyone and in particular new members: Dave Kagai, Sue Tuck, Barbara Trayer, Danny Carr, Louise Turner, Dan Cohen, Vicky Hallas-Fawcett and David Webster	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
	<i>Item 4.1, Early Years Block:</i> The action plan has not been brought to the meeting due to a recent Peer Review of Early Years and the affect this would have on the plan. The Review report has now been received and circulated to Schools Forum members and there are clear outcomes and actions which will be reflected in the action plan. It will be brought to a future meeting Action: comments on the Peer Review report to be submitted to Phil Mellen. <i>Item 4.2 – High Needs Block:</i> covered later in the meeting. Item 4.4 – Schools Forum Update: financial difficulty fund to be picked up later. <i>Item 7.4 - Disapplication request:</i> The DfE would like both parties to agree on a settlement. If this is not possible then a disapplication request will be made. All the primary places at Springwell have been filled but there are some secondary places vacant. These will be prioritised in the half termly meetings.	

	<i>Item 8 – Proposed Update of Schools Forum Terms of Reference:</i> With no additional comments received the updated terms of reference have been adopted as the final version. <i>Item 8.1 – Proposed Training Sessions for Governors:</i> The proposed training sessions planned for 3 October was cancelled due to low take up. It is likely that the session will now take place immediately before Schools Forum on 14 November.	
5	DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2019/20 - BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 5	
	Schools Forum noted: - the projected overspend on the General DSG of £5,261k. After adding it to the surplus on General DSG brought forward from 2018/19 it will make the current projected cumulative deficit £4,164k. The projected de-delegated surplus balances standing at £249k. - the proposed de-delegated reserves repayment to schools. One of the key responsibilities as a group is managing the overall funding into the local authority. It comes in different blocks: - Schools Block – apart from a small proportion most of this funding goes out to schools. The remainder is for the dedicated schools grant and the growth fund. - High Needs Block funding is additional support for children with special needs. The Council is responsible for a lot of decisions around this but Schools Forum makes the decision. - Early Years Block is used to pay out to providers for nursery provision. - Central Block covers a number of central overheads. The DSG budget has a forecasted overspend of £5.2+m; £7.2m of which comes from the High Needs Block as a result of increased expenditure on SEN top-ups and outside placements. Allowing for the surplus balance brought forward from 2018/19 the projected year end position for 2019/20 is a deficit £4.2m. Schools Block There is an overall projected underspend of £872k. There are variances around the amount of the grant and the amount paid out mainly because of academisation that has occurred since the budget was set.	

The main variance on the growth fund explains why there has been a move to an underspend. We are allocated the fund through the DSG and in 2019/20 £5m+ was split in to two: implicit funding given to new and growing schools and explicit funding whereby we estimate what will be paid out to schools during the year. The underspend of £1.067m will contribute to the overspend on the High Needs Block.

Some schools have agreed to take on additional pupils without extra funding. One of issues with growth funding is the bulge is moving into secondary schools and this is more complex. The current growth fund and principles are more suited to growth in primary schools and as a result the principles and current policy will be reviewed to see if it is still fit for purpose. **Action:** A revised policy to be brought back to the January 2020 meeting. Take steps to ensure that schools are aware there is a growth fund to help them.

Early Years Block

Overall projected underspend of just under £1m. It's difficult to project because the funding is based on the January census of pupil data and we will not know what position we will be in, in January 2020. As a result there is a lot of guess work on numbers. The rate we pay providers has increased year on year and this has reduced the overall underspend.

SEN Inclusion Fund – The latest estimate of just under £400k is now projecting an overspend.

Early Years Pupil Premium (section 3.1) should read £138k spend to date not £1,338k

High Needs Block

There are two key areas causing the overall overspend of £7.2m:

- External Residential Placements with an overspend forecast of £2.3m and
- SEN top ups forecast of 5.2m

The reason for the additional pressures is that since the budget was set there has been a year on year increase in children eligible for support over and above the original budget assumptions.

The biggest area of overspend is on top ups in mainstream schools with an overspend of £2.6m, despite an increase of £940k in the budget.

The Secretary of State has made announcements re overall national funding and for schools also. We would usually have received by now the local funding allocation for schools and the High Need Block is for 2020/21. Nationally the Government has allocated an extra £700m to the High Needs Block. Based on the latest projections for the HNB it is likely that even with the maximum increase in funding for the HNB the increase won't be enough to cover all of our projected increase in costs next year.

It is therefore anticipated that a request will be made to Schools Forum for a transfer of up to 0.5% (approx. £2.5m) from the schools block. Schools Forum will be consulted with about transferring funding from the Schools Block.

6	SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE 2020/21	
	Leeds is still awaiting details of the allocation. Schools Forum will be updated as soon as we receive the information. Schools Block: Funding is allocated to local authorities based on the national funding formula. Local authorities have some discretion to allocate funds differently. Some funds can be transferred from the schools block to HNB and schools are likely to be consulted about this in October/November. Cap on gains: There is no cap this year but the local authority can set a cap in the formula if need to. The DfE is currently consulting on the implementation of the minimum funding levels in 2020/21. Consultation closes on 22 October. The local authority will be submitting a response. Further details are available on the DfE website.	
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	There was no other business.	
8	MEETING DATES FOR 2019/20 AND FORWARD PLAN	
	Noted.	
9	SCHOOLS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FUNDING - GUIDANCE FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS	
	Guidance has been drafted to make sure all schools are aware of the fund, how it can be accessed and what the deadline is for application. Schools above a certain deficit level have to submit an action plan which is signed off by the local authority. At present the level stands at £10k. Each application to the fund is assessed on its merits and a decision taken by the Schools Panel. An advertisement will be going out to fill the current vacancies on the Panel. Action: Put on the Governors meeting agenda so that they are aware of the fund. Themes to be picked out from previous applications to give an indication of the type of thing schools are asking help for.	
10	CLOSE	
	The meeting closed at 18:15.	

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Report of the Director of Children and Families Services

Report to the Leeds Schools Forum

Date: 14th November 2019

Subject: Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs estimates 2020/21 and 2021/22

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1 Summary of main issues

- 1.1 This report is to inform members of Schools Forum of the estimated position in 2020/21 for the High Needs Block (HNB) following recent work identifying pressures and potential savings as reported to Schools Forum in recent months. It also provides an early estimate of the financial position for 2021/22 and that for both years there is an estimated funding gap.
- 1.2 An indicative HNB grant allocation has been issued by the Government for 2020/21 only. Based on this allocation and an estimate of the remaining elements that are still to be confirmed, there is expected to be an increase in funding of £12.846m. However there is a risk that AP Free School places in the October census could reduce the amount of grant received.
- 1.3 Although a HNB grant allocation has not been announced for 2021/22, an estimate has been made of the grant due based on the overall national increase in the combined schools and high needs block of 5.16%. This gives an increase of £4.424m, though there is a great deal of uncertainty over this.
- 1.4 The projected costs for future years are based on the existing provision and level of service continuing adjusted for the expected increase in pupil numbers and complexity and any other unavoidable cost pressures.
- 1.5 Schools have been consulted on transferring £2.65m from the schools block to the HNB and there is also a proposal to transfer £250k from the central school services block. The response to this consultation is included in the School Funding Proposals report later in this agenda.
- 1.6 Taking into account the increase in grant and assuming the request to transfer funding from the schools block and the central school services block is agreed, the increases in the number and complexity of pupils requiring support and

making provision to repay the expected deficit balance from 2019/20 means that overall there is a potential shortfall in funding of £1.907m for 2020/21 and £7.646m for 2021/22.

2 High Needs Grant Income

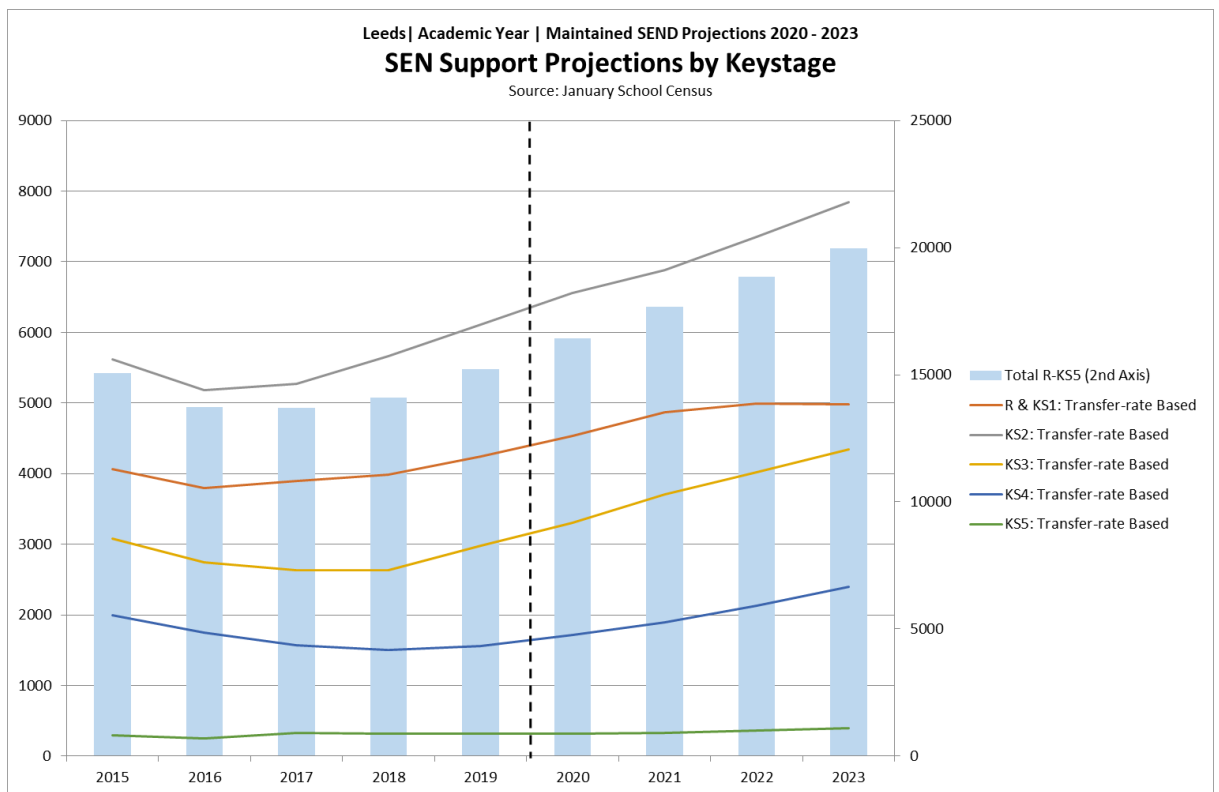
- 2.1 In October 2019 the ESFA issued an indicative HNB allocation for 2020/21. However, some of the allocation is still to be confirmed, with the final element due in July 2020. Although an overall funding increase for the combined schools block and HNB has been announced for 2021/22 the amount for the HNB has not been confirmed. The estimated grant income is as follows:

	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
High Needs Block baseline	72,889	85,735	90,159
Places funded directly by the ESFA	(8,871)	(8,824)	(9,416)
Funding transferred from Schools Block	1,500	2,650	
Funding transferred from CSSB	800	250	
	66,318	79,811	80,743

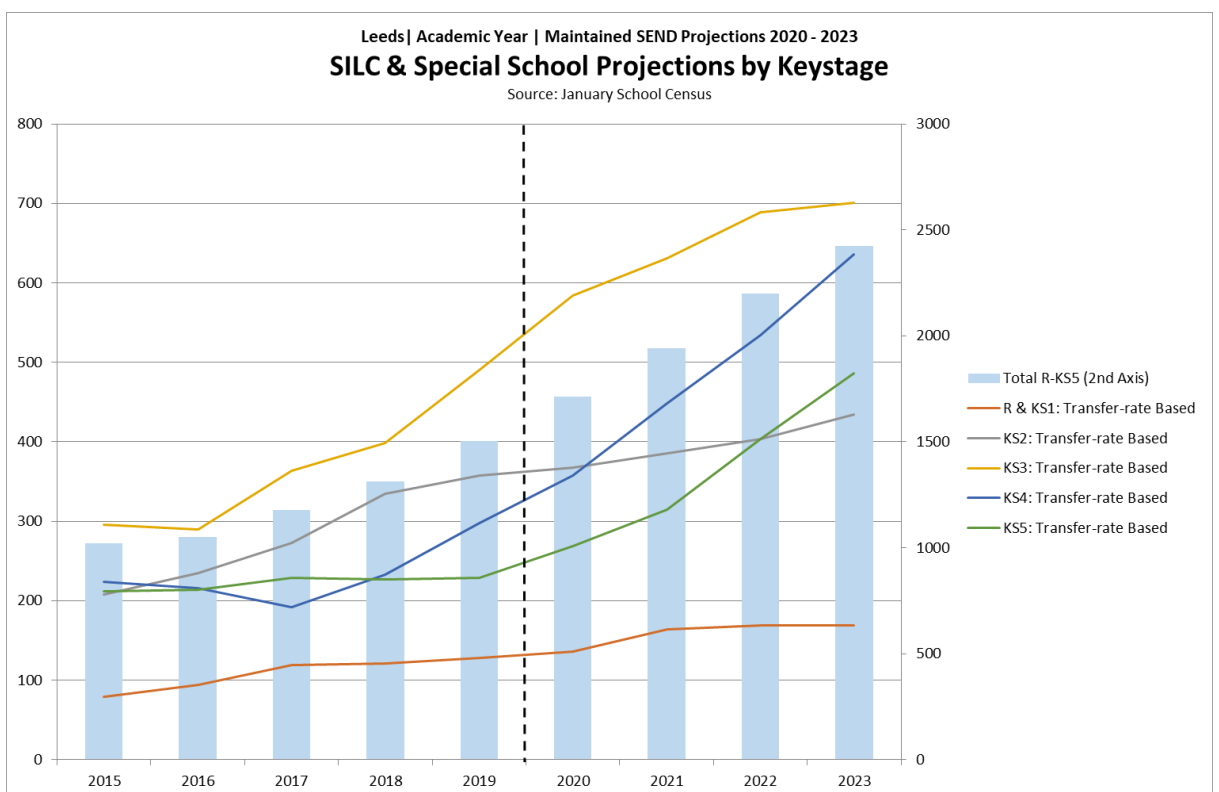
- 2.2 There is projected to be an increase in the baseline funding of £12.846m in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20. However, the funding due to Leeds is still subject to a cap. If this cap was not applied a further £4.68m would be due in 2020/21.
- 2.3 Although the HNB increase for 2021/22 has not been announced, the overall increase of £2.2bn for the schools block and high needs block combined represents a 5.16% increase compared to 2020/21. Therefore at this stage it has been assumed that the baseline funding for HNB will increase by the same percentage.
- 2.4 Changes have been made in the deductions for places directly funded by the ESFA as place funding for post 16 high needs places will no longer be deducted from the DSG and paid as a separate post 16 grant. In addition, it is estimated that there will be a net increase in post 16 places of approximately 100 places each year.
- 2.5 Schools have been consulted on transferring the maximum allowed 0.5% (£2.65m) from the schools block to the high need block for 2020/21. Although there has been a reduction in grant for the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) it is expected that there will be £250k available to transfer to the HNB. At this stage it is not certain that there will be the ability to transfer funding between blocks beyond 2020/21 and so this has not been assumed for 2021/22.

3 High Needs Expenditure

- 3.1 Demand for SEND places and funding is expected to continue to grow over the coming years. Work completed in the Children & Families directorate shows the following actual and projected numbers of pupils requiring SEN support by key stage:



3.2 Projections on the demand for special school places also shows a significant increase as detailed below:



3.3 These projections have been used as the basis for calculating the increased expenditure to the HNB. The number and percentage increase for each academic year are as follows:

	2020		2021	
	Pupils	%	Pupils	%
Pupils in special school settings	212	14.11%	228	13.30%
All other pupils	1,136	7.95%	1,029	6.66%
All SEND pupils	1,348	8.53%	1,257	7.33%

- 3.4 SILCs and RPs costs are based on estimated pupils at April 2020 at the current average top-up. Post 16 costs are based on 2019/20 projections adjusted for the estimated increase in places each September at the average top up rate for post 16 pupils. The remaining top up estimates are largely based on 2019/20 projections increased for expected increase in pupils requiring SEN support as detailed in paragraph 3.3.
- 3.5 The costs of the expected increase in special school setting places is shown separately in the table below. The estimates currently assume that all of the additional pupils are placed in existing SILCs or RPs, based on the current average per pupil funding in those settings. However it is not certain that this will be the case, so if some of these pupils need to be placed in out of area provision then based on an average of £60,000 per place per year, the actual costs could be considerably higher.
- 3.6 Following work carried out in October 2019, it is expected that funding due to schools who have more high needs pupils than the Notional Inclusion Budget allows for will increase significantly.
- 3.7 As part of the HNB grant calculation, there is an increase of 8% for hospital services. It has been assumed that this increase will be passed on in full to the service as it has not been eligible for Teacher's Pay Grant or Teacher's Pension Grant funding.
- 3.8 The services directly managed by Children & Families have either remained the same or have been adjusted for unavoidable increases as a result of pay and pension increases. For services with teachers, there has not been a separate Teachers Pay Grant allocation and additional funding for Teachers Pension Grant is not guaranteed.
- 3.9 As part of the conditions of grant for DSG, if there is a cumulative deficit of more than 1% of the overall DSG, the local authority is required to submit a recovery plan to bring the DSG back into balance within 3 years. For Leeds, this value is expected to be approximately £6.5m. Although the projected deficit at the end of 2019/20 is not expected to trigger the requirement for a recovery plan, it is good practice to budget to repay the deficit brought forward. A suggested period could be within 3 years to be consistent with the grant conditions. This means a budget of £1.4m will be required in each of the next 3 years, although based on current cost projections it is probable that this is not affordable so a longer repayment period could be considered.
- 3.10 As a result of all of these issues, the projected expenditure is as follows:

	2019/20 Projection £000	2020/21 Estimate £000	2021/22 Estimate £000
Passported to Institutions			
SILC and Resourced Provision Places	12,414	14,034	14,034
Outside and external residential placements	8,921	8,954	9,373
Alternative Provision and AIP's	5,256	5,256	5,256
SEN Top-ups to Institutions	39,423	41,534	43,446
Mainstream additional places (£6k blocks)	528	751	801
Increase in special school places	0	2,338	6,521
Education provision for mental health beds	100	100	100
Commissioned Services			
Hospital & Home Tuition	1,605	1,724	1,724
PD & Medical Service	97	97	97
Directly Managed by Children & Families			
Autism support	437	451	464
Children missing out on education	261	441	453
Management of AP	110	110	110
SEN adaptations	141	141	141
SEN Inclusion Team	1,240	1,290	1,320
Sensory Service	2,308	2,415	2,467
Virtual school (Children Looked After)	124	124	124
Other costs			
Repayment of deficit reserves	0	1,400	1,400
SEMH prudential borrowing costs	558	558	558
	73,523	81,718	88,389

3.11 There are a number of areas where there is a further risk of additional costs. At this stage many of these costs are uncertain or the impact is unknown. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Any increase in costs as a result of the outcome of the specialist provision funding review.
- Any pre-opening set up costs for a new special free schools.
- Any potential increase in costs if the request to disapply the minimum funding guarantee regulations in high needs settings is not successful.

3.12 It is acknowledged that it is possible that some of the additional places in specialist settings identified may be pupils who are already in mainstream schools in Leeds or in outside placements. If this is the case then the costs identified above may be reduced. At this stage it is not possible to quantify this in future years.

4 Overall Position

- 4.1 The overall in year impact of the assumptions detailed above is that there is projected to be overspends in each of the next 3 years as follows:

	2019/20 Projection £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
High Needs Block Grant	66,318	79,811	80,743
Projected expenditure	73,523	81,718	88,389
In Year Shortfall	7,205	1,907	7,646

These totals do not include the additional areas of risk described in paragraph 3.11.

- 4.2 As detailed in the 2018/19 outturn report, there is a surplus balance on general DSG brought forward into 2019/20 of £1.097m. After taking into account anticipated variances on other DSG blocks, the DSG deficit is expected to be:

	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
Balance brought forward	(1,097)	4,164	3,671
Budgeted contribution to reserves		(1,400)	(1,400)
In year shortfall on the HNB	7,205	1,907	7,646
Estimated underspends from other blocks	(1,944)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Cumulative DSG (surplus)/deficit	4,164	3,671	8,917

- 4.3 As part of the overall financial responsibility to set a robust budget, further work is ongoing to identify potential actions for consideration to enable a balanced budget for 2020/21 and 2021/22 to be set. A further report will be brought to Schools Forum to inform members of the results of that work and the options available.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Schools Forum is requested to note the contents of this report.



Report of the Director of Children and Families

Report to the Leeds Schools Forum

Date: 14 November 2019

Subject: 2020/21 school funding proposals

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Summary of main issues

1. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is allocated in four blocks: schools, high needs, early years and central schools services. 2020/21 is the third year of the national funding formula for schools, high needs and central school services. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) uses the national funding formula to calculate the blocks within the DSG that are allocated to local authorities. Local authorities currently have some flexibility in how this funding is allocated to schools, within the constraints set out by the ESFA.
2. Local authorities are required to consult with schools on proposals for funding arrangements and report back to their Schools Forum. Schools Forums are then responsible for either making decisions or providing views on the various proposals, in line with the powers set out by the DfE.
3. This report presents the outcome of a recent consultation with mainstream schools on funding arrangements for 2020/21. 88% of respondents supported the council's proposal to transfer funding to the high needs block from the schools block (£2.65m) and 89% supported the proposed transfer from the central school services block (up to £250k). 80% of maintained schools responding to the consultation also supported a contribution by maintained schools towards severance costs (a total of £150k, to be applied as a rate of £2.50 per pupil). In relation to the school funding formula, option two was preferred by the majority (63%).

Recommendations

4. Schools Forum is asked to consider and vote on a proposal to transfer £2.65m from the schools block to the high needs block in 2020/21.
 - All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.

- It is a Schools Forum decision on whether to accept this proposal. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE are able to adjudicate if the local authority requests this.
5. Schools Forum is asked to consider and vote on a proposal to transfer up to approximately £250k from the central schools services block to the high needs block in 2020/21 (with the final amount being subject to confirmation of costs and funding).
- All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.
 - This transfer can be made by the local authority following consultation with Schools Forum.
6. Maintained school members of Schools Forum are asked to consider and vote on a proposal for a contribution in 2020/21 by maintained schools towards the severance costs of maintained school staff, to be applied as a per-pupil amount of £2.50.
- Voting on this proposal is limited to maintained primary and secondary school members.
 - It is a Schools Forum decision on whether to accept this proposal. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE are able to adjudicate if the local authority requests this.
7. Schools Forum is asked to consider and indicate their preference for the schools funding formula for 2020/21.
- All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.
 - The local authority is required to consult with Schools Forum on the funding formula, however the local authority retains the final decision on the formula to be used.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report updates Schools Forum on the outcome of the consultation with maintained schools and academies on school funding arrangements for 2020/21, and requests decisions and views on a number of matters from Schools Forum's members in their capacity to take a strategic view across the whole education estate whilst acting as representative of the group that has elected them
- 1.2 A further report will be brought to Schools Forum in January 2020 to confirm the final school funding allocations for 2020/21.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is allocated in four blocks: schools, high needs, early years and central schools services. 2020/21 is the second year of the national funding formula for schools, high needs and central school services. The ESFA uses the national funding formula (NFF) to calculate the blocks within the DSG that are allocated to local authorities. Local authorities currently have some flexibility in how this funding is allocated to schools, within the constraints set out by the ESFA.
- 2.2 The ESFA has not confirmed the date that the NFF will be fully implemented so it is possible there could be further transitional years beyond 2020/21. However the government has reaffirmed their intention to move as soon as possible to a hard NFF, where schools' budgets are set on the basis of a single national formula and local authorities are no longer involved in this decision.
- 2.3 The council recently held a consultation on school funding arrangements for 2020/21, between 24th October and 7th November 2019. During the consultation period schools were provided with background information and figures to demonstrate the impact of the proposals, a briefing session was held and queries received from individual schools were responded to. A copy of the consultation documents issued to schools is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 2.4 It should be noted that the options and figures within the consultation and this report have been calculated based on October 2018 pupil data, which was the basis for the indicative funding published by the ESFA for consultation purposes. The final local authority allocations will be confirmed in December 2019 and will take into account October 2019 pupil data.
- 2.5 The proposals in this report are therefore subject to change prior to the deadline for confirming final funding allocations to the ESFA on 21st January 2020. A Schools Forum meeting has been arranged on 16th January ahead of this deadline, where the full final proposals will be confirmed.

3 Main issues

3.1 Summary of consultation

- 3.1.1 Of the 265 schools consulted with, 84 responses were received (compared to 77 the previous year). Comments and key themes from the responses have been

summarised in the relevant sections below. Not all response forms included an answer to every question, so the number of responses against each proposal below varies.

3.1.2 The council consulted on the following proposals:

- a) Two transfers between the funding blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant in 2020/21:
- A £2.65m transfer from the schools block to the high needs block.
 - Up to a £250k transfer from the central schools services block to the high needs block.
- b) Two options for funding formula for 2020/21, taking into account the proposed transfer out of the schools block of £2.65m.
- Option 1: A cap on gains of 3.83%. All other factors are in line with the national funding formula, including the minimum funding guarantee of 1.84%.
 - Option 2: A reduced minimum funding guarantee of 1% and an increased cap on gains of 3.96%. All other factors are in line with the national funding formula.
- c) A contribution in 2020/21 by maintained schools of £150k towards the severance costs of maintained school staff, to be applied as a per pupil amount of £2.50.

3.1.3 88% of respondents supported the transfer from the schools block to the high needs block and 89% supported the transfer from the central school services block to the high needs block. 80% supported the contribution by maintained schools towards severance costs in 2020/21. In relation to the funding formula, the majority (63%) voted for option two.

3.1.4 Further detail on each of the proposals and consultation responses are provided below.

3.2 Transfer from the schools block to the high needs block

Background

3.2.1 The council consulted on a £2.65m transfer from the schools block to the high needs block. Detailed information was provided to schools on the background to our proposals as part of the consultation document and the briefing session. The full consultation document is attached as an appendix to this report, but in summary the key points were:

- The ESFA expects most movements from schools block will be due to pressures on high needs budgets.

- The high needs block in Leeds, in common with many around the country, is under considerable pressure due to increasing demographic growth and complexity of children's needs.
- The latest high needs block projections for 2019/20 show an anticipated £7.2m overspend.
- Although the provisional 2020/21 high needs block allocation for Leeds shows an increase in funding of £12.38m compared to 2019/20, there is still a cap on gains in place. If the cap on gains was not in place the council would gain an additional £4.7m.
- The local authority can transfer up to 0.5% (approximately £2.65m) from the schools block with Schools Forum approval, with the option to transfer more with approval from the DfE.
- As the increase in the provisional 2020/21 schools block allocation for Leeds is expected to be approximately £24.5m compared to 2019/20 (before any pupil growth which will be confirmed in December), the transfer of £2.65m out of the schools block in 2020/21 will still leave a significant increase in the schools formula of over £20m.
- The transfer to the high needs block will not be funding council services and will instead be redistributed to schools and settings through the funding mechanisms associated with that block.
- A schools block transfer was one of the options supported by the previous high needs consultation focus groups.

Consultation responses

- 3.2.2 83 responses were received to this proposal. 73 (88%) supported the proposal and 10 (12%) did not. Some respondents provided comments, in general these recognised the pressure on the High Needs Block and were hopeful that funding would be sufficient in future so that further transfers would not be required, a view which is shared by the council. Some respondents also felt that further work to review costs associated with the High Needs Block would be beneficial.
- 3.2.3 Proposal
- 3.2.4 The majority of respondents supported our original proposal, and therefore the local authority is still proposing to transfer £2.65m from the schools block to the high needs block.
- 3.2.5 The movement of up to 0.5% (approximately £2.65m) from the schools block is a Schools Forum decision. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree with our proposals, the DfE can adjudicate if the local authority wanted to request this.
- 3.2.6 The proposed transfer from the schools block to the high needs block only relates to proposals for 2020/21. In 2021/22 it is possible that a further request could also be made to transfer funds from the schools block to the high needs block. This would depend on the savings that can be made through other means or if additional funding was forthcoming. If a further transfer was required it would form part of a separate consultation during the next financial year.

- 3.2.7 The council is required by the DfE to present a range of evidence to support our proposal to transfer funding from the schools block to the high needs block. The local authority has carried out a self-assessment against the requirements in order to demonstrate how these criteria have been met, and a copy of this is attached as an appendix.

3.3 Transfer from the central schools services block to the high needs block

Background to the proposal

- 3.3.1 The council consulted on a further transfer to the high needs block of up to £250k from the central school services block (CSSB), which funds local authorities for the statutory duties they hold for both maintained schools and academies.
- 3.3.2 There is likely to be an underspend against the historic commitment costs within the CSSB which will allow us to transfer this funding to the high needs block without affecting the statutory duties the local authority is required to undertake. The precise amount that would be transferred from the CSSB is subject to the costs and funding relating to this block being confirmed.
- 3.3.3 Movements from the CSSB to any other block are not subject to any limit and can be made by the council following consultation with Schools Forum.
- 3.3.4 We expect that 2020/21 will be the last year that CSSB funding will be available to support pressures in the high needs block, as the ESFA intends to continue reducing local authorities' funding for historic commitments. We expect this will cause a pressure on this block from 2021/22.

Consultation responses

- 3.3.5 83 responses were received to this proposal. 74 (89%) supported the proposal and 9 (11%) did not. Very few comments were received about this proposal, and as indicated by the results the comments were generally supportive.

Proposal

- 3.3.6 As the majority of respondents supported our original proposal, the council is still proposing a transfer of up to £250k from the central schools services block. The precise amount that would be transferred from the central schools services block is subject to the costs and funding relating to this block being confirmed.
- 3.3.7 Movements from the central schools services block are not subject to any limit and the local authority can take this decision following consultation with Schools Forum.

3.4 Schools funding formula

Background to the proposal

- 3.4.1 The council is required to apply a funding formula in order to allocate schools block funding to schools. The ESFA sets a range of factors we are able to use in the formula. Within each of these factors there are also certain restrictions that can apply, for example the weightings that can be used for each factor, minimum funding levels and a cap on gains.
- 3.4.2 If the council implements the £2.65m transfer from the schools block, we cannot fully move to the national funding formula as not enough funding will remain. However as previously noted there would still be over £20m additional funding available for schools in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20 due to increases in the council's provisional schools block allocation.
- 3.4.3 Given the complexity of the possible formula factors there are a significant number of formula options that it would have been possible to model and the council looked at a number of alternative options. Using the principles established in previous years for the formula we have modelled two options for 2020/21 which vary the minimum funding guarantee and cap on gains. These are:
- Option 1: A cap on gains of 3.83%. All other factors are in line with the National Funding Formula (see table below), including the minimum funding guarantee of 1.84%.
 - Option 2: A reduced minimum funding guarantee of 1% and an increased cap on gains of 3.96%. All other factors are in line with the National Funding Formula (see table below).
- 3.4.4 In 2018/19 and 2019/20 we scaled back the minimum per-pupil funding levels compared to the National Funding Formula, however we have not done so for 2020/21 as the government expects that these levels will be fully provided to schools. The DfE is intending to make this a mandatory requirement and has advised that local authorities and schools should plan on this basis. There is likely to be a route for local authorities to apply for permission to reduce these levels if they can demonstrate they are unaffordable in the local formula, however we have been advised that it is very unlikely local authorities would be able to demonstrate this given the increased funding allocations.
- 3.4.5 Under both options consulted on there is an increase in per-pupil funding for all schools compared to 2019/20. The options are summarised in the table below, with school level information provided in the appendix.

Funding formula factor	2019/20 (for comparison)		2020/21		
	National Funding Formula	Leeds funding formula	National Funding Formula	Leeds option 1	Leeds option 2
Minimum funding guarantee ¹	0.5% per pupil	0.5% per pupil	1.84% per pupil	1.84% per pupil	1% per pupil
Cap on gains ^{1, 2}	3% per pupil	2.7% per pupil	No cap	3.83%	3.96%
Minimum per pupil funding level ^{1, 2}	Secondary £4,800	Secondary £4,700	Secondary £5,000	Secondary £5,000	Secondary £5,000
	Primary £3,500	Primary £3,400	Primary £3,750	Primary £3,750	Primary £3,750

¹ Excluding premises based funding

² The minimum per pupil funding level cannot be subject to the cap on gains

- 3.4.6 Our final funding allocation for 2020/21 will be confirmed by the ESFA in mid to late December 2019. The funding increases built into our current proposal are based on the ESFA's indicative local authority allocations which use October 2018 pupil data. As a result the affordability of our proposal could change once the final allocation is confirmed, if there is a significant change in pupil demographics.

Consultation responses

- 3.4.7 82 responses were received on the funding formula:
- 30 (37%) preferred option one
 - 52 (63%) preferred option two
- 3.4.8 It is not unexpected that option two is the preferred option, as this results in more funding for most schools. The schools benefiting most from each of the options are as follow:
- Option one is best for 29 schools (11%)
 - Option two is best for 139 schools (52%)
 - There is no difference between the options for 97 schools (37%)
- 3.4.9 Comments from schools generally either supported option one on the basis that this delivered a 1.84% minimum funding guarantee in line with the national funding formula, or option two on the basis that this benefitted most schools.

Proposal

- 3.4.10 The local authority is responsible for proposing the schools funding formula and for consulting on this with Schools Forum. This proposal is only for 2020/21, and the council will be required to consult again next year on the 2021/22 funding formula if the National Funding Formula will not be fully implemented at that time.
- 3.4.11 In the context of the extent to which all schools are proposed to gain under the options for 2020/21 the local authority does not have a preference as to which option should be implemented. However we are mindful that Schools Forum has previously expressed a preference to move as close as possible to the National Funding Formula, which is best represented by the first option (1.84% minimum funding guarantee and 3.83% cap on gains).
- 3.4.12 The final funding formula for 2020/21 will be approved in line with the council's decision making framework and we will submit details of the funding allocations for schools to the ESFA by their deadline of 21st January 2019.
- 3.4.13 In addition to providing funding based on the October 2019 census, the ESFA also provides an allocation for growth in the formula based on changes between the October 2018 and October 2019 census. This growth allocation is used to create a Growth Fund which provides support for costs incurred by schools that are being established or extended to meet basic need and where admission numbers are increased. The allocation is also used to fund estimated pupil numbers in the formula for new schools that have opened in the last seven years and are still adding year groups. The council's growth allocation for 2020/21 will not be confirmed until December. This is an area of risk as if the amount of growth funding allocated to Leeds is insufficient compared to projected demand then this may reduce funding available to be delivered to schools through the formula. If this was the case then we will report details to Schools Forum at the meeting on 16th January 2020.
- 3.4.14 In relation to PFI schools, the DfE provides additional PFI funding in the council's allocation to recognise the additional costs associated with these contracts, which the council then distributes to PFI schools through the funding formula. The council's contribution of £1m into DSG in 2019/20 to resolve PFI funding issues has been baselined and included in our DSG allocation for 2020/21. For 2020/21 we will again be requesting permission from the DfE to exclude any PFI funding delivered through the formula from the calculation of the minimum funding guarantee. This will ensure that the per-pupil funding for PFI schools is calculated on the same basis as non-PFI schools and that they receive the correct amount of PFI funding to support their contributions to contract costs.

3.5 Contribution towards severance costs for maintained schools

Background to the proposal

- 3.5.1 The council consulted on a proposal for maintained schools to contribute a total of £150k towards the severance costs of maintained school staff, which are charged to the council. This equates to a contribution of £2.50 per maintained school pupil based on forecast pupil numbers.

- 3.5.2 This is a reduction compared to 2019/20 when Schools Forum agreed that maintained schools would contribute £200k to severance costs, following support for this proposal by the majority of maintained schools that responded to the consultation. This equated to £3.12 per maintained school pupil based on forecast pupil numbers at the time. This was also a reduction compared to 2018/19 when a contribution of £500k was agreed (£7.25 per pupil).
- 3.5.3 This contribution was consulted on as the council has faced a significant budget pressure from the reduction in the Education Services Grant (ESG) over a number of years. ESG has been used to fund a wide range of services for schools such as school improvement, asset management, education welfare services and other statutory and regulatory services as well as the severance costs of maintained school staff. As the grant has been reduced the council has sought to protect these services. ESG ceased to be paid at the end of August 2017 and the full year effect of the ending of this grant was £2.47m in 2018/19.
- 3.5.4 Current legislation states that premature retirement costs are chargeable to the school's delegated budget while redundancy costs are charged to the local authority's budget. The cost of redundancies has been significant over recent years in 2016/17 the total redundancy cost for maintained schools was £555k and in 2017/18 this increased £955k. While costs have started to reduce, and the proposed contribution from schools reflects this, we are still anticipating costs of approximately £500k for 2019/20.
- 3.5.5 A contribution from maintained schools is equitable with the treatment of academies, who have already lost their funding for severance costs and are responsible for meeting this cost themselves. Some other authorities have also already agreed contributions from their maintained schools towards severance costs.

Consultation responses

- 3.5.6 44 responses were received from maintained schools to this proposal. 35 (80%) supported the proposal and 9 (20%) did not. Some schools commented that they had worked hard to minimise redundancies and therefore did not feel it was fair to be asked to contribute towards these costs for other schools. However under the regulations the council can only apply this contribution as a per-pupil amount, rather than passing on the actual costs to individual schools.

Proposal

- 3.5.7 As the majority of maintained schools responding to the consultation supported our proposal, the council is requesting that maintained schools contribute £150k (£2.50 per pupil) towards severance costs for maintained schools.
- 3.5.8 Maintained school members of Schools Forum are able to decide on whether to accept this proposal. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree with our proposal, the DfE are able to adjudicate if the council wanted to request this.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 Schools Forum is asked to consider and vote on a proposal to transfer £2.65m from the schools block to the high needs block in 2020/21.
- All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.
 - It is a Schools Forum decision on whether to accept this proposal. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE are able to adjudicate if the local authority requests this.
- 4.2 Schools Forum is asked to consider and vote on a proposal to transfer up to approximately £250k from the central schools services block to the high needs block in 2020/21 (with the final amount being subject to confirmation of costs and funding).
- All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.
 - This transfer can be made by the local authority following consultation with Schools Forum.
- 4.3 Maintained school members of Schools Forum are asked to consider and vote on a proposal for a contribution in 2020/21 by maintained schools towards the severance costs of maintained school staff, to be applied as a per-pupil amount of £2.50.
- Voting on this proposal is limited to maintained primary and secondary school members.
 - It is a Schools Forum decision on whether to accept this proposal. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE are able to adjudicate if the local authority requests this.
- 4.4 Schools Forum is asked to consider and indicate their preference for the schools funding formula for 2020/21.
- All Schools Forum members may vote on this proposal.
 - The local authority is required to consult with Schools Forum on the funding formula, however the local authority retains the final decision on the formula to be used.

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Leeds City Council

School funding arrangements 2020/21

1. Summary of key points

1.1. This consultation is on school funding arrangements for 2020/21.

The consultation covers:

- a) Transfers from the schools and central schools services blocks to the high needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.
- b) The formula for allocating schools block funding to mainstream schools. Two options are provided for comment which both provide an increase in per-pupil funding to all mainstream schools.

Additionally for maintained mainstream schools only the following is also included in the consultation:

- c) A contribution towards the severance costs of maintained school staff.
- 1.2. The consultation is open until the end of Thursday 7th November 2019. Information on funding allocations from the ESFA has been issued significantly later this year due to the late funding announcement by the government. We have prepared the council's proposals as quickly as possible to provide as much time as we can for this consultation, however as our deadlines to respond to the ESFA have not been extended we are unfortunately unable to offer a longer period for comment.
- 1.3. Details of the consultation on de-delegation contributions for maintained mainstream schools will be issued shortly, provisionally during November 2019.
- 1.4. Detailed school level figures for the formula options are attached as an appendix. These use the council's indicative funding allocation provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency which is based on October 2018 data. Please note that these figures may differ from the provisional school level allocations published by the ESFA (see 2.4 for further details). The final funding for 2020/21 will be updated for October 2019 pupil data and confirmed by the ESFA in December 2019.
- 1.5. A briefing session has been arranged for schools and governors on Tuesday 5th November 2019, 1.30 – 3pm in the Millennium Room at The Carriageworks (Millennium Square, Leeds city centre). In this session we will talk through the proposals being made and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to attend the briefing please email education.finance@leeds.gov.uk
- 1.6. If you have any queries during the consultation period please email education.finance@leeds.gov.uk, or contact us by telephone on 0113 3788245.
- 1.7. Responses to the consultation should be made on the attached Excel spreadsheet and returned to education.finance@leeds.gov.uk by the end of Thursday 7th November 2019.

- 1.8. We will report to Schools Forum on 14th November 2019 on the outcome of the consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is allocated in four blocks: schools, high needs, early years and central schools services. 2020/21 is the third year of the national funding formula for schools, high needs and central school services. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) uses the national funding formula (NFF) to calculate the blocks within the DSG that are allocated to local authorities. Local authorities currently have some flexibility in how this funding is allocated to schools and to transfer funding between blocks, within the constraints set out by the ESFA.
- 2.2. The ESFA has not confirmed the date that the NFF will be fully implemented so it is possible there could be further transitional years beyond 2020/21. However the government has reaffirmed their intention to move as soon as possible to a hard NFF, where schools' budgets are set on the basis of a single national formula and local authorities are no longer involved in this decision.
- 2.3. The indicative schools block allocation for Leeds in 2020/21 is £535.6m before growth, which is an increase of £24.5m compared to the equivalent allocation received for 2019/20.
- 2.4. This consultation has been prepared using the ESFA's indicative allocation for Leeds, which uses the October 2018 census. Please be aware that the school level figures that have been circulated recently by the ESFA are not necessarily what schools will receive in 2020/21, as they have been prepared by the ESFA on a different basis to the local authority level allocations and local authorities still have the ability to set a different formula in response to local need.
- 2.5. The actual schools block allocation for 2020/21 will not be provided to local authorities by the ESFA until December 2019. This will reflect any changes in pupil data from the October 2019 census for mainstream schools and academies.
- 2.6. We will report to Schools Forum on 14th November 2019 with the outcome of this consultation and draft proposals for funding arrangements in 2020/21. The final proposals for the funding arrangements will be taken to Schools Forum in January 2020, following the receipt of updated funding information from the ESFA in December 2019. Mainstream maintained schools will be advised of their final funding allocation by the council end of February 2020. Mainstream academies will be notified of their funding allocations directly by the ESFA.

3. Consultation

3.1. Transfers to the high needs block

- 3.1.1. We are consulting on two transfers to the high needs block in order to contribute towards budget pressures in this area:
- a) A £2.65m transfer from the schools block to the high needs block.
 - b) Up to a £250k transfer from the central schools services block to the high needs block.

Background

- 3.1.2. The schools block is mainly ring-fenced, but local authorities are able to transfer up to 0.5% of it with the agreement of their Schools Forum, and after consultation with schools. There is also the ability to submit a request to the ESFA to transfer more than 0.5%. For Leeds, 0.5% approximately £2.678m.
- 3.1.3. The ESFA expects that most proposals by local authorities to move funding from their schools block will arise as a result of pressures on their high needs budgets. The high needs block in Leeds, in common with many around the country, is under considerable pressure due to increasing demographic growth and complexity of children's needs. An overspend of £7.2m on the high needs block is currently forecast for 2019/20.
- 3.1.4. Although funding on the high needs block has provisionally increased by £12.4m for Leeds in 2020/21, this is still subject to a cap on gains which equates to £4.68m.
- 3.1.5. The attainment 'gap' in Leeds between outcomes achieved by those with SEND, and achieved by their peers without SEND is greater than in other LAs. Leeds is not by any means performing as well as we would like to in this area; indeed, less well in comparison to our peers and statistical neighbours. There is a pressing need to improve these outcomes and reduce this gap. This is reflected in recent and emerging local strategies, including the Future in Mind: Social Emotional and Mental Health strategy for Leeds, the developing local strategy on Attainment, Achievement and Attendance (the '3 As'), and the Leeds Children and Young People's Plan 2018-23 (which includes a specific priority of 'improve at a faster rate, educational progress for children and young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes').
- 3.1.6. Such improvements cannot be made if funding reductions place undue pressure and restrictions on education providers, especially given the need for specific costly resources to support some complex needs. Those stakeholders participating in consultation on the High Needs Block during the 2017 review reported significant concerns that future funding may be not be adequate to fully meet rising levels of needs.
- 3.1.7. The ESFA requires that we provide a range of evidence to support the council's proposal to transfer funding from the schools block to the high needs block. Further details of this are attached as an appendix.
- 3.1.8. The second proposal to transfer funds relates to the central school services block (CSSB), which funds local authorities for the statutory duties they hold for both maintained schools and academies. We anticipate that there will be up to £250k of funding available in the CSSB to transfer to the high needs block due to a reduction in historic commitments which is not fully matched by a decrease in funding. This transfer will not affect the ability to fund the current statutory duties from the CSSB. The precise amount that would be transferred from the CSSB is subject to the costs and funding relating to this block being confirmed in December 2019.
- 3.1.9. We expect that 2020/21 will be the last year that CSSB funding will be available to support pressures in the high needs block, as the ESFA intends to continue reducing local authorities' funding for historic commitments. We expect this will cause a pressure on this block from 2021/22.

Proposal

- 3.1.10. As set out above we are proposing transfers to the high needs block of £2.65m from the schools block, and up to £250k from the central schools services block. The ESFA allows us to transfer up to 0.5% (approximately £2.678m) from the schools block with the agreement of Schools Forum.
- 3.1.11. As the increase in the provisional 2020/21 schools block allocation for Leeds is expected to be approximately £24.5m compared to 2019/20 (before any pupil growth which will be confirmed in December), the transfer of £2.65m out of the schools block in 2020/21 will still leave a significant increase in the schools formula of over £20m. In addition, funding transferred to the high needs block is effectively redistributed to schools through the funding mechanisms associated with that block.
- 3.1.12. The impact on individual schools in the funding formula of the proposed £2.65m transfer will vary, depending on the formula adopted. Further details of the formula options under consultation are provided in section 3.2 below, and the impact on each school is shown in the appendix.
- 3.1.13. Following the consultation, we will take our proposal to Schools Forum on 14th November 2019 on any transfers from the schools block and central schools services block to the high needs block. Schools Forum will decide on whether to accept the council's proposal on the transfer from the schools block. In the event that Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE will adjudicate. In relation to the transfer from the central schools services block, the final decision on this is the responsibility of the council.
- 3.1.14. In future years a further request could also be made to transfer funds from the schools block to the high needs block. This would depend on the projections for the high needs block budget at the time. If a further transfer was required it would form part of a separate consultation during the next financial year.

3.2. Mainstream Schools funding formula

Background

- 3.2.1. The local authority is responsible for proposing the schools funding formula and for consulting on this with Schools Forum. The local authority retains the final decision on the formula to be used which will apply to all mainstream maintained schools and academies.
- 3.2.2. The council is proposing to move as close as possible to the national funding formula for 2020/21 as this was the approach taken for 2018/19 and 2019/20, which was supported by the majority of schools that responded to the consultation and also Schools Forum.
- 3.3. The national funding formula for schools comprises various factors that provide basic per-pupil funding, additional needs funding (such as deprivation funding) and school-led funding (such as a lump sum payment). A summary is provided below.

Figure 1: Factors in the schools national funding formula

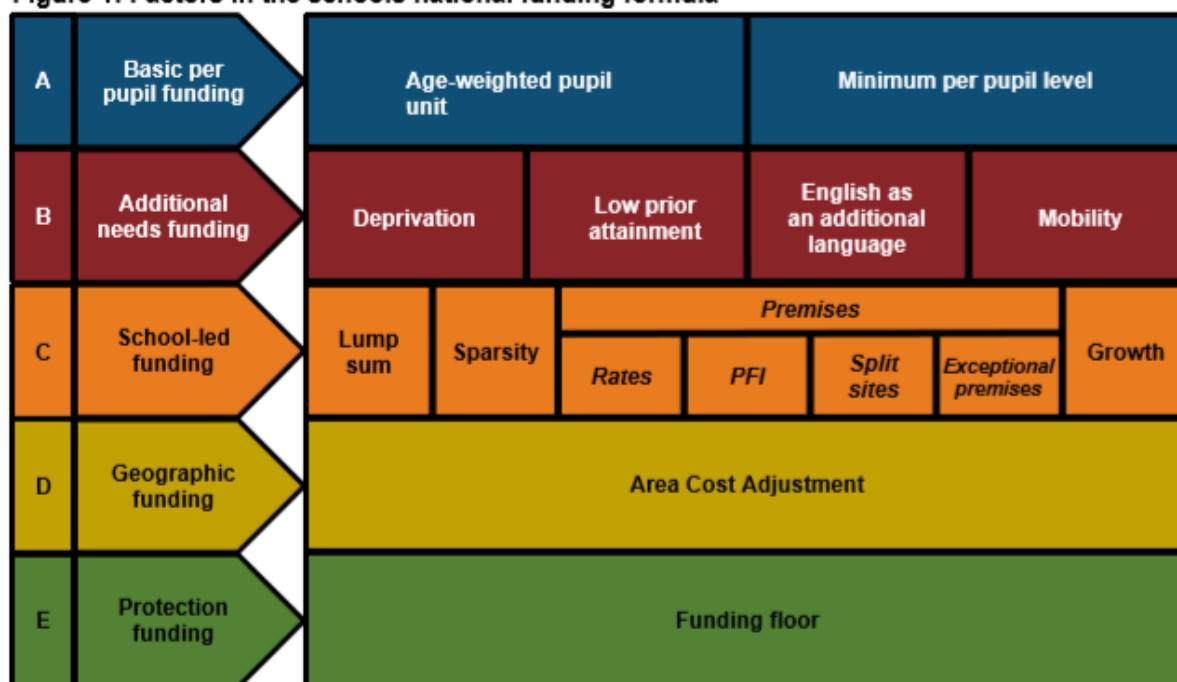


Figure 1: This illustrates the factors that will be taken into account when calculating schools block DSG funding allocations through the national funding formula. It is not to scale. Funding for factors in italics will be allocated to local authorities on the basis of historic spend.

- 3.4. Several changes have been announced which provide increases in funding for local authorities in 2020/21. It should be noted that these form the basis on which the council is allocated the schools block funding for all Leeds mainstream schools and academies, however the council has the ability to set a different funding formula in response to local need.
- 3.4.1. If funding is transferred from the schools block to the high needs block, it will not be possible to fully move to the national funding formula as not enough funding will remain. However as previously noted there would still be over £20m additional funding available for schools in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20 due to increases in the council's provisional schools block allocation.
- 3.4.2. Formula factor increases
- Funding allocated to the council: Factors in the funding formula will be increased consistently by 4% apart from free school meals (increased at inflation) and premises based funding (allocated based on actual spend in 2019/20 with an inflationary increase of 3.03% for the PFI factor only).
 - Schools funding formula: The council can decide to allocate these increases out differently to schools if needed, subject to any ESFA restrictions or requirements for minimum funding increases.

3.4.3. Minimum funding guarantee

- a) Funding allocated to the council: A minimum increase of 1.84% will be guaranteed per pupil compared to allocations under the 2019/20 NFF.
- b) Schools funding formula: As there is still some local discretion in the formula, local authorities will be able to set a minimum funding guarantee for schools between +0.5% and +1.84%. In 2019/20 Leeds set a minimum funding guarantee of +0.5%, which mirrored the NFF at that time.

3.4.4. Cap on gains

- a) Funding allocated to the council: For schools not already attracting their core NFF allocations there will be no cap on gains, unlike the previous two years where gains were capped at 3%. All schools will therefore attract their full core allocations under the 2020/21 formula.
- b) Funding allocated to schools: There is still local discretion to set a cap in the formula if needed. The cap on gains for Leeds schools was set by the council at 2.3% in 2018/19 and 2.7% in 2019/20 to account for funding transferred from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

3.4.5. Minimum Funding Level increases

- a) Funding allocated to the council: Increases have been announced in the minimum funding levels for 2020/21 to £5,000 per pupil for secondary schools and £3,750 per pupil for primary schools. Schools that benefit from the minimum funding level are those that receive less targeted funding through the other formula factors. This generally means that schools that have lower funding provided through the additional needs factors are more likely to be below the minimum funding level and therefore receive an uplift to this amount.
- b) Funding allocated to schools: The government expects that the minimum funding levels will be provided to schools in 2020/21 and is intending to make this a mandatory requirement. There may be a route for local authorities to apply for permission to set lower levels if this is unaffordable locally, however we have been advised that it is unlikely that such a request would be granted.

Funding formula options

- 3.4.6. Although local authorities have some discretion to adjust the funding formula there are also many restrictions on what can be adjusted which limits the council's options for adjusting the formula.
- 3.4.7. We have provided details of two different funding formula options for consideration. As these proposals are based on the indicative funding allocations which use October 2018 pupil data, the affordability of these options may change once the October 2019 census

details are available in December. These proposals are also only for 2020/21 only and we will consult again next year on the 2021/22 funding formula if this does not move to the NFF.

- 3.4.8. Using the principles established in previous years for the formula, we have modelled two options for 2020/21 which vary the minimum funding guarantee and cap on gains. However for 2020/21 we are proposing to retain the minimum per-pupil funding level as the government has said this should be mandatory. Both options provide an increase in per pupil funding but distribute this differently.
- 3.4.9. **Option 1:** A cap on gains of 3.83%. All other factors are in line with the national funding formula (see table below), including the minimum funding guarantee of 1.84%.
- 3.4.10. **Option 2:** A reduced minimum funding guarantee of 1% and a cap on gains of 3.96%. All other factors are in line with the national funding formula (see table below).

	2019/20 (for comparison)		2020/21		
Funding formula factor	National Funding Formula	Leeds funding formula	National Funding Formula	Leeds option 1	Leeds option 2
Minimum funding guarantee ¹	0.5% per pupil	0.5% per pupil	1.84% per pupil	1.84% per pupil	1% per pupil
Cap on gains ^{1, 2}	3% per pupil	2.7% per pupil	No cap	3.83%	3.96%
Minimum per pupil funding level ^{1, 2}	Secondary £4,800 Primary £3,500	Secondary £4,700 Primary £3,400	Secondary £5,000 Primary £3,750	Secondary £5,000 Primary £3,750	Secondary £5,000 Primary £3,750

¹ Excluding premises based funding

² The minimum per pupil funding level cannot be subject to the cap on gains

- 3.4.11. We have provided an appendix listing the details for schools by phase and in alphabetical order. As previously noted, both options provide an increase per pupil for all schools compared to 2019/20. When comparing the figures on the appendix please note that:
- The ESFA's final funding allocations in December 2019 may result in changes to the final school formula. Specifically we have not yet been advised how much funding to expect for growth in the formula. If the amount allocated for growth is insufficient this will affect the affordability of the options proposed in this consultation.
 - Changes in premises-led funding may affect the comparison between 2019/20 and 2020/21 total funding. Specifically:
 - We have reflected any changes in business rates costs in the 2020/21 funding figures.

- For PFI schools, the required amount of PFI affordability gap funding will be distributed through the formula in 2020/21. PFI schools should not expect to receive any additional PFI funding outside of the formula in 2020/21.
- c) All figures are based on financial years and the 2019/20 funding figures are those submitted by the council to the ESFA. However for free schools and academies, the ESFA provides funding based on academic years. The 2019/20 formula allocation may therefore not agree to academy and free school General Annual Grant statements. However the increases between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 figures are a correct reflection of the indicative gains resulting from the funding formula options.
- d) The figures are before contributions for de-delegation or severance cost contributions (which would only apply to maintained schools).

3.5. **Contribution towards severance costs - maintained schools only**

- 3.5.1. We are also consulting on a proposal for maintained schools to contribute a total of £150k towards the severance costs of maintained school staff, which are charged to the council. This equates to a contribution of £2.50 per maintained school pupil, based on forecast pupil numbers.
- 3.5.2. This is a reduction compared to 2019/20 when Schools Forum agreed that maintained schools would contribute £200k to severance costs, which equated to £3.12 per maintained school pupil based on forecast pupil numbers at the time. This was a reduction compared to 2018/19 when a contribution of £500k was agreed (£7.25 per pupil).
- 3.5.3. The £150k contribution is being proposed for 2020/21 as the council has faced a significant budget pressure from the reduction in the Education Services Grant (ESG) over a number of years. ESG has been used to fund a wide range of services for schools such as school improvement, asset management, education welfare services and other statutory and regulatory services as well as the severance costs of maintained school staff. As the grant has been reduced the council has sought to protect these services. ESG ceased to be paid at the end of August 2017 and the full year effect of the ending of this grant was £2.47m in 2018/19.
- 3.5.4. Current legislation states that premature retirement costs are chargeable to the school's delegated budget while redundancy costs are charged to the local authority's budget. The cost of redundancies has been increasing over recent years: in 2016/17 the total redundancy cost for maintained schools was £555k and in 2017/18 this increased £955k. While costs have started to reduce, and the proposed contribution from schools reflects this, we are still anticipating costs of approximately £500k for 2019/20.
- 3.5.5. For 2020/21 we are proposing that maintained schools make a contribution towards severance costs as they are driven by school decisions, although we appreciate that this may be as a result of financial pressures. However this approach is equitable with the treatment of academies, who no longer receive funding for severance costs and are responsible for meeting this cost themselves. Some other authorities have also already agreed contributions from their maintained schools towards severance costs.
- 3.5.6. Following the consultation, we will take a proposal to Schools Forum on 14th November 2019 in relation to a contribution from maintained schools for severance costs for maintained schools staff. Maintained school members of Schools Forum will decide on whether to

accept this proposal. In the event that the local authority proposes a contribution but Schools Forum does not agree, the DfE is able to adjudicate if the local authority still wishes to seek a contribution.

4. Consultation responses

- 4.1. Responses to the consultation should be made on the attached Excel spreadsheet and returned to education.finance@leeds.gov.uk by the end of Thursday 7th November 2019.
- 4.2. We will report to Schools Forum on 14th November 2019 with the outcome of the consultation.
- 4.3. The final proposals for the funding formula will be taken to Schools Forum in January 2020, following receipt of updated funding information from the ESFA in December 2019. Mainstream maintained schools can expect to be advised of their final funding allocation by the council end of February 2020. Mainstream academies will be notified of their funding allocations directly by the ESFA.

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Leeds City Council proposed 2020/21 school formula funding for reception to year 11

Note this does not show Early Years, Post 16, High Needs or Pupil Premium and other grant funding

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Farsley Springbank Primary School	No	420	£1,470,184	420	1,607,503	420	£1,608,280	£1,608,280	£1,608,280	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£138,096	£138,096
Fieldhead Carr Primary School	No	216	£901,028	216	915,058	216	£960,048	£960,048	£953,595	1.84%	1.00%	£4,151	£4,122	£59,020	£52,567
Five Lanes Primary School	No	420	£1,717,982	420	1,833,203	420	£1,834,134	£1,812,200	£1,814,092	3.83%	3.96%	£3,834	£3,838	£94,218	£96,110
Fountain Primary School	No	392	£1,493,484	392	1,552,488	392	£1,553,192	£1,546,271	£1,548,043	3.83%	3.96%	£3,866	£3,870	£52,397	£54,169
Gildersome Primary School	No	402	£1,500,106	402	1,558,756	402	£1,562,693	£1,555,679	£1,557,448	3.83%	3.96%	£3,765	£3,770	£55,573	£57,342
Gledhow Primary School	No	537	£1,986,708	537	2,118,193	537	£2,072,118	£2,072,118	£2,072,118	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£85,410	£85,410
Grange Farm Primary School	No	411	£1,790,428	411	1,927,044	411	£1,890,055	£1,854,529	£1,856,722	3.83%	3.96%	£4,497	£4,503	£64,101	£66,294
Great Preston C of E Primary School	No	203	£804,234	203	828,596	203	£830,537	£830,537	£830,537	3.62%	3.62%	£3,994	£3,994	£26,303	£26,303
Greenhill Primary School	No	403	£1,665,288	403	1,759,288	403	£1,756,483	£1,724,200	£1,726,192	3.83%	3.96%	£4,194	£4,199	£58,919	£60,911
Greenmount Primary School	No	438	£1,979,707	438	2,155,072	438	£2,089,942	£2,050,831	£2,053,245	3.83%	3.96%	£4,620	£4,625	£71,124	£73,538
Grimes Dyke Primary School	No	252	£1,147,950	252	1,192,398	252	£1,192,892	£1,187,227	£1,188,555	3.83%	3.96%	£4,624	£4,629	£39,277	£40,606
Guiselley Primary School	No	394	£1,370,643	394	1,491,077	394	£1,486,204	£1,486,204	£1,486,204	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£115,561	£115,561
Harehills Primary School	No	621	£2,708,179	621	2,819,415	621	£2,820,428	£2,806,895	£2,810,244	3.83%	3.96%	£4,449	£4,454	£98,716	£102,065
Harewood C of E Primary School	No	102	£454,508	102	460,824	102	£470,361	£467,933	£468,338	3.83%	3.96%	£4,513	£4,517	£13,425	£13,829
Hawthornthorpe C of E Primary School	No	112	£469,927	112	479,285	112	£479,212	£479,212	£479,212	2.64%	2.64%	£4,259	£4,259	£9,286	£9,286
Hawthornthorpe Wood Primary School	No	277	£1,240,156	277	1,282,971	277	£1,283,324	£1,283,038	£1,283,324	3.83%	3.86%	£4,573	£4,574	£42,882	£43,168
Highfield Primary School	No	450	£1,579,740	450	1,721,602	450	£1,722,316	£1,722,316	£1,722,316	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£142,576	£142,576
Hollybush Primary School	No	443	£2,079,280	443	2,155,327	443	£2,118,805	£2,113,637	£2,116,066	3.83%	3.96%	£4,595	£4,600	£34,357	£36,786
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	No	203	£897,661	203	939,205	203	£939,175	£927,480	£928,502	3.83%	3.96%	£4,547	£4,552	£29,819	£30,842
Holy Rosary and St Anne's Catholic Primary School	No	210	£978,433	210	1,044,242	210	£1,030,026	£1,011,716	£1,012,847	3.83%	3.96%	£4,800	£4,806	£33,283	£34,413
Horsforth Featherbank Primary School	No	211	£831,424	211	844,375	211	£844,693	£844,693	£840,131	1.84%	1.19%	£3,944	£3,923	£13,269	£8,707
Horsforth Newlaithes Primary School	No	416	£1,448,337	416	1,587,338	416	£1,588,160	£1,588,160	£1,588,160	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£139,823	£139,823
Hovingham Primary School	No	703	£3,043,323	703	3,253,936	703	£3,189,574	£3,128,966	£3,132,707	3.83%	3.96%	£4,371	£4,376	£85,644	£89,384
Hugh Gaitskill Primary School	No	565	£2,398,446	565	2,571,731	565	£2,535,267	£2,486,858	£2,489,846	3.83%	3.96%	£4,384	£4,390	£88,413	£91,401
Hunslet Carr Primary School	No	404	£1,772,808	404	1,888,526	404	£1,875,351	£1,840,583	£1,842,729	3.83%	3.96%	£4,484	£4,489	£67,775	£69,921
Hunslet Moor Primary School	No	361	£1,630,527	361	1,693,485	361	£1,751,055	£1,745,417	£1,747,381	3.83%	3.96%	£4,620	£4,626	£114,890	£116,855
Hunslet St Mary's C of E Primary School	No	250	£1,073,503	250	1,167,971	250	£1,130,531	£1,110,237	£1,111,490	3.83%	3.96%	£4,420	£4,425	£36,735	£37,987
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School	No	448	£1,529,302	448	1,686,102	448	£1,686,548	£1,686,548	£1,686,548	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£157,246	£157,246
Ingram Road Primary School	No	319	£1,562,140	319	1,650,901	319	£1,647,586	£1,617,273	£1,619,144	3.83%	3.96%	£4,997	£5,003	£55,133	£57,004
Ireland Wood Primary School	No	412	£1,672,773	412	1,724,979	412	£1,725,116	£1,725,116	£1,725,116	3.36%	3.36%	£4,173	£4,173	£52,343	£52,343
Iveson Primary School	No	320	£1,400,950	320	1,433,785	320	£1,433,845	£1,433,845	£1,433,845	2.56%	2.56%	£4,472	£4,472	£32,894	£32,894
Kerr Mackie Primary School	No	420	£1,567,101	420	1,676,577	420	£1,650,720	£1,620,632	£1,622,489	3.83%	3.96%	£3,769	£3,773	£53,531	£55,388
Kirkstall St Stephen's C of E Primary School	No	204	£850,475	204	869,664	204	£869,638	£869,638	£869,638	2.61%	2.61%	£4,249	£4,249	£19,163	£19,163
Kirkstall Valley Primary School	No	202	£892,546	202	937,085	202	£937,607	£922,045	£923,038	3.83%	3.96%	£4,453	£4,458	£29,499	£30,492
Lady Elizabeth Hastings C of E Primary School, Ledston	No	131	£532,217	131	540,241	131	£540,873	£540,873	£540,873	1.92%	1.92%	£4,111	£4,111	£8,657	£8,657
Lane End Primary School	Yes	323	£1,507,450	323	1,556,281	323	£1,552,115	£1,552,115	£1,552,115	3.54%	3.54%	£4,774	£4,774	£44,665	£44,665
Lawns Park Primary School	No	212	£890,212	212	932,394	212	£932,917	£919,622	£920,612	3.83%	3.96%	£4,231	£4,236	£29,410	£30,400
Little London Community Primary School	No	599	£2,678,099	599	2,802,496	599	£2,802,831	£2,776,066	£2,779,412	3.83%	3.96%	£4,609	£4,614	£97,967	£101,313
Low Road Primary School	No	155	£778,572	155	798,951	155	£798,578	£798,578	£798,578	3.17%	3.17%	£5,018	£5,018	£20,006	£20,006
Lower Wortley Primary School	No	317	£1,453,866	317	1,570,436	317	£1,571,390	£1,547,565	£1,549,041	3.83%	3.96%	£4,044	£4,049	£93,699	£95,175
Manor Wood Primary School	No	461	£1,702,463	461	1,776,999	461	£1,782,716	£1,782,716	£1,782,716	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£80,253	£80,253
Manston Primary School	No	209	£872,577	209	906,582	209	£906,969	£901,386	£902,360	3.83%	3.96%	£4,232	£4,236	£28,809	£29,783
Meanwood C of E Primary School	No	219	£813,689	219	840,969	219	£840,937	£840,338	£840,937	3.83%	3.92%	£3,822	£3,825	£26,648	£27,248
Micklefield C of E Primary School	No	91	£475,437	91	482,301	91	£482,166	£482,166	£479,249	1.84%	1.00%	£5,144	£5,112	£6,729	£3,812
Middleton St Mary's C of E Primary School	No	411	£1,773,696	411	1,902,547	411	£1,871,781	£1,837,023	£1,839,169	3.83%	3.96%	£4,406	£4,411	£63,327	£65,473
Mill Field Primary School	No	396	£1,808,641	396	1,917,386	396	£1,908,740	£1,873,203	£1,875,396	3.83%	3.96%	£4,669	£4,675	£64,562	£66,755
Moor Allerton Hall Primary School	No	457	£1,832,278	457	1,905,986	457	£1,913,601	£1,904,241	£1,906,447	3.83%	3.96%	£4,066	£4,071	£71,964	£74,169
Moortown Primary School	No	214	£820,982	214	839,959	214	£840,663	£840,663	£840,663	2.71%	2.71%	£3,888	£3,888	£19,681	£19,681
Morley Victoria Primary School	No	417	£1,506,526	417	1,588,023	417	£1,587,914	£1,587,914	£1,587,914	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£81,388	£81,388
New Bewerley Community School	No	412	£1,907,138	412	1,979,408	412	£1,980,476	£1,975,144	£1,977,437	3.83%	3.96%	£4,681	£4,687	£68,006	£70,300
Ninlands Primary School	No	403	£1,408,343	403	1,515,630	403	£1,516,673	£1,516,673	£1,516,673	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£108,331	£108,331
Otley All Saints C of E Primary School	No	218	£806,709	218	837,953	218	£837,335	£837,335	£837,335	cap not applicable	cap not applicable	£3,750	£3,750	£30,627	£30,627
Otley The Whartons Primary School	No	190	£750,410	190	779,830	190	£787,704	£782,090	£782,090	3.83%	3.96%	£3,996	£4,000	£31,679	£32,495
Oulton Primary School	No	337	£1,374,040	337	1,430,338	337	£1,431,149	£1,421,784	£1,423,392	3.83%	3.96%	£4,113	£4,118	£47,744	£49,352
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School	No	205	£903,710	205	939,798	205	£939,771	£933,804	£934,836	3.83%	3.96%	£4,539	£4,544	£30,094	£31,126
Park Spring Primary School	No	375	£1,540,891	375	1,601,299	375	£1,591,211	£1,583,600	£1,585,410	3.83%	3.96%	£4,121	£4,125	£42,709	£44,518
Parklands Primary School	No	327	£1,591,969	327	1,624,579	327	£1,625,201	£1,625,201	£1,625,201	2.25%	2.25%	£4,884	£4,884	£33,232	£33,232
Pool-in-Wharfedale C of E Voluntary Controlled Primary School	No	198	£734,635	198	758,592	198	£759,228	£758,464	£759,228	3.83%	3.96%	£3,751	£3,755	£23,829	£24,593

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Primrose Lane Primary School	No	209	£766,005	209	787,305	209	£787,411	£787,411	£787,411	3.29%	3.29%	£3,750	£3,750	£21,406	£21,406
Pudsey Bolton Royd Primary School	No	405	£1,885,475	405	1,997,364	405	£1,998,543	£1,991,516	£1,993,462	3.83%	3.96%	£4,083	£4,088	£106,040	£107,987
Pudsey Greenside Primary School	No	310	£1,108,618	310	1,178,936	310	£1,179,341	£1,179,341	£1,179,341	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£70,723	£70,723
Pudsey Lowtown Primary School	No	209	£809,922	209	832,200	209	£831,786	£831,786	£831,786	3.29%	3.29%	£3,896	£3,896	£21,864	£21,864
Quarry Mount Primary School	No	199	£970,749	199	1,009,281	199	£1,009,372	£1,003,564	£1,004,685	3.83%	3.96%	£5,030	£5,036	£32,815	£33,936
Queensway Primary School	No	184	£773,752	184	802,968	184	£803,059	£798,968	£799,829	3.83%	3.96%	£4,321	£4,326	£25,216	£26,077
Rawdon Littlemoor Primary School	No	310	£1,263,065	310	1,339,526	310	£1,339,714	£1,339,714	£1,339,714	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£76,649	£76,649
Rawdon St Peter's C of E Primary School	No	313	£1,111,302	313	1,199,509	313	£1,198,902	£1,198,902	£1,198,902	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£87,600	£87,600
Robin Hood Primary School	No	409	£1,425,256	409	1,564,250	409	£1,564,982	£1,564,982	£1,564,982	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£139,726	£139,726
Rosebank Primary School	No	278	£1,282,599	278	1,339,729	278	£1,340,274	£1,327,822	£1,329,353	3.83%	3.96%	£4,766	£4,772	£45,224	£46,755
Rothwell Primary School	No	314	£1,389,989	314	1,480,473	314	£1,481,411	£1,475,086	£1,476,501	3.83%	3.96%	£3,927	£3,931	£85,098	£86,512
Rothwell St Mary's Catholic Primary School	No	207	£753,537	207	781,275	207	£781,248	£779,527	£779,527	3.83%	3.96%	£3,750	£3,750	£25,989	£25,989
Rothwell Victoria Junior School	No	173	£742,610	173	770,028	173	£770,344	£766,474	£767,280	3.83%	3.96%	£4,348	£4,353	£23,863	£24,670
Roundhay St John's C of E Primary School	No	212	£822,086	212	848,686	212	£849,307	£849,307	£849,307	3.78%	3.78%	£3,984	£3,984	£27,220	£27,220
Rufford Park Primary School	No	289	£1,220,148	289	1,262,155	289	£1,259,445	£1,259,445	£1,258,324	1.84%	1.73%	£3,877	£3,873	£39,297	£38,176
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	No	201	£907,496	201	954,975	201	£954,664	£937,846	£938,884	3.83%	3.96%	£4,653	£4,658	£30,350	£31,388
Scholes (Elmet) Primary School	No	311	£1,192,660	311	1,192,250	311	£1,192,874	£1,192,874	£1,192,874	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£62,214	£62,214
Seacroft Grange Primary School	No	209	£1,048,499	209	1,115,002	209	£1,099,950	£1,080,542	£1,081,740	3.83%	3.96%	£5,080	£5,086	£32,043	£33,240
Seven Hills Primary School	No	412	£1,596,687	412	1,704,963	412	£1,683,679	£1,652,929	£1,654,827	3.83%	3.96%	£3,921	£3,925	£56,242	£58,140
Shadwell Primary School	No	206	£756,460	206	789,910	206	£790,339	£790,339	£790,339	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£33,879	£33,879
Shakespeare Primary School	No	583	£2,804,185	583	2,964,867	583	£2,935,359	£2,880,240	£2,883,642	3.83%	3.96%	£4,811	£4,817	£76,056	£79,458
Sharp Lane Primary School	No	566	£2,216,041	566	2,346,463	566	£2,339,313	£2,295,755	£2,298,443	3.83%	3.96%	£3,958	£3,963	£79,714	£82,403
Spire Oak C of E Primary School	No	209	£858,872	209	872,237	209	£872,692	£872,692	£866,603	1.84%	1.00%	£4,079	£4,050	£13,820	£7,731
Spouthroyd Primary and Nursery School	No	409	£1,517,934	409	1,581,617	409	£1,581,785	£1,571,571	£1,573,403	3.83%	3.96%	£3,823	£3,827	£53,637	£55,469
Spring Bank Primary School	No	206	£938,360	206	969,621	206	£961,593	£961,593	£961,593	2.77%	2.77%	£4,192	£4,192	£23,232	£23,232
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Beeston	No	211	£854,432	211	888,501	211	£888,471	£882,581	£883,546	3.83%	3.96%	£4,160	£4,165	£28,149	£29,114
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	No	419	£1,679,448	419	1,837,681	419	£1,772,435	£1,739,289	£1,741,335	3.83%	3.96%	£4,135	£4,139	£59,841	£61,887
St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School	No	665	£2,893,790	665	3,112,627	665	£3,048,869	£2,990,561	£2,994,160	3.83%	3.96%	£4,452	£4,457	£96,771	£100,370
St Edward's Catholic Primary School, Boston Spa	No	157	£598,513	157	607,199	157	£607,353	£607,353	£603,315	1.84%	1.00%	£3,847	£3,822	£8,840	£4,802
St Francis Catholic Primary School, Morley	No	205	£803,728	205	825,990	205	£825,962	£825,962	£825,962	3.24%	3.24%	£4,013	£4,013	£22,234	£22,234
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hunslet	No	204	£928,590	204	959,973	204	£959,553	£959,204	£959,553	3.83%	3.87%	£4,682	£4,684	£30,613	£30,962
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wetherby	No	207	£745,309	207	780,072	207	£780,064	£780,064	£780,064	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£34,756	£34,756
St Margaret's C of E Primary School	No	427	£1,756,235	427	1,878,995	427	£1,879,971	£1,879,971	£1,879,971	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£123,736	£123,736
St Mary's C of E Primary School Boston Spa	No	127	£534,653	127	545,615	127	£545,890	£545,890	£545,890	2.68%	2.68%	£4,203	£4,203	£11,237	£11,237
St Matthew's C of E Aided Primary School	No	414	£1,529,478	414	1,640,128	414	£1,614,550	£1,584,572	£1,586,422	3.83%	3.96%	£3,811	£3,815	£55,093	£56,944
St Nicholas Catholic Primary School	No	299	£1,222,037	299	1,270,612	299	£1,270,582	£1,264,287	£1,265,736	3.83%	3.96%	£4,214	£4,219	£42,250	£43,699
St Oswald's C of E Primary School	No	380	£1,313,383	380	1,430,750	380	£1,430,888	£1,430,888	£1,430,888	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£117,505	£117,505
St Patrick Catholic Primary School	No	213	£889,989	213	988,290	213	£935,978	£919,553	£920,567	3.83%	3.96%	£4,301	£4,306	£29,564	£30,578
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	No	211	£804,821	211	828,094	211	£828,066	£828,066	£828,066	3.39%	3.39%	£3,908	£3,908	£23,245	£23,245
St Peter's C of E Primary School, Leeds	No	211	£980,322	211	1,041,780	211	£1,031,016	£1,013,295	£1,014,426	3.83%	3.96%	£4,780	£4,786	£32,974	£34,104
St Philip's Catholic Primary School	No	242	£1,022,635	242	1,069,884	242	£1,071,003	£1,058,483	£1,059,673	3.83%	3.96%	£4,361	£4,366	£35,848	£37,038
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School	No	427	£1,572,987	427	1,644,417	427	£1,644,550	£1,628,748	£1,630,655	3.83%	3.96%	£3,798	£3,803	£55,761	£57,667
St Urban's Catholic Primary School	No	210	£807,035	210	833,584	210	£833,556	£833,390	£833,556	3.83%	3.85%	£3,948	£3,949	£26,355	£26,520
Stanningley Primary School	No	210	£886,310	210	916,097	210	£918,231	£917,392	£918,231	3.83%	3.94%	£4,279	£4,283	£31,082	£31,921
Strawberry Fields Primary School	No	306	£1,162,975	306	1,209,125	306	£1,209,289	£1,203,021	£1,204,388	3.83%	3.96%	£3,906	£3,910	£40,046	£41,413
Summerfield Primary School	No	196	£902,903	196	937,668	196	£938,241	£932,771	£933,775	3.83%	3.96%	£4,633	£4,638	£29,868	£30,872
Swarcliffe Primary School	No	302	£1,372,770	302	1,428,260	302	£1,431,795	£1,423,681	£1,425,304	3.83%	3.96%	£4,630	£4,635	£50,911	£52,534
Swinnow Primary School	No	209	£877,642	209	906,398	209	£906,868	£906,593	£906,868	3.83%	3.87%	£4,239	£4,241	£28,951	£29,226
Talbot Primary School	No	448	£1,548,951	448	1,705,751	448	£1,706,368	£1,706,368	£1,706,368	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£157,417	£157,417
Thorpe Arch Lady Elizabeth Hastings' C of E Primary	No	134	£543,261	134	551,194	134	£551,102	£551,102	£547,520	1.84%	1.00%	£4,095	£4,068	£7,841	£4,259
Thorpe Primary School	No	239	£946,765	239	966,508	239	£966,454	£966,454	£966,454	2.43%	2.43%	£3,963	£3,963	£19,689	£19,689
Tranmere Park Primary School	No	343	£1,170,727	343	1,290,777	343	£1,290,909	£1,290,909	£1,290,909	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£120,182	£120,182
Valley View Community Primary School	No	429	£1,635,862	429	1,663,434	429	£1,665,645	£1,665,645	£1,661,864	1.84%	1.59%	£3,831	£3,823	£29,783	£26,002
Weetwood Primary School	No	212	£783,580	212	817,281	212	£817,829	£817,829	£817,829	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£34,249	£34,249
West End Primary School	No	241	£865,210	241	921,792	241	£923,568	£923,568	£923,568	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£58,358	£58,358
Westbrook Lane Primary	No	213	£781,666	213	814,942	213	£815,342	£815,342	£815,342	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£33,676	£33,676
Westgate Primary School	No	212	£801,927	212	833,591	212	£835,986	£830,206	£831,093	3.83%	3.96%	£3,847	£3,851	£28,279	£29,166
Westroyd Primary School	No	148	£625,197	148	652,676	148	£653,103	£644,511	£645,158	3.83%	3.96%	£4,229	£4,234	£19,314	£19,961

2019/20 funding for comparison				2020/21 National Funding Formula (NFF) figures published on government website		2020/21 local funding formula				Minimum Funding Guarantee /gains (Schools affected by the high needs transfer are shaded blue)		Per pupil funding 2020/21 = (total funding less premises costs) /funded pupils Schools receiving the Minimum Per Pupil Funding are shaded green		Total funding gains compared to 2019/20, after high needs transfer (including premises funding but before de delegation or severance contributions for maintained schools)	
School Name	Is the school new and growing in 19-20?	Funded Pupils Oct 18	Formula Allocation 2019 20	NFF Pupil Numbers	NFF Allocation	Illustrative Funded Pupils Oct 18	Draft Funding Allocation if no high needs transfer	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2
See explanatory notes at end of table	3	1	2		6	1	6			3, 4	3, 4	4	4	2, 5	2, 5
Westwood Primary School	No	288	£1,259,119	288	1,362,093	288	£1,327,035	£1,302,779	£1,304,276	3.83%	3.96%	£4,508	£4,513	£43,660	£45,157
Wetherby St. James CE Primary	No	79	£455,604	79	462,459	79	£463,103	£463,103	£460,303	1.84%	1.00%	£5,745	£5,710	£7,499	£6,699
Whingate Primary School	No	404	£1,664,606	404	1,853,034	404	£1,755,652	£1,723,453	£1,725,440	3.83%	3.96%	£4,173	£4,178	£58,846	£60,834
Whinmoor St Paul's C of E Primary School	No	192	£773,180	192	803,834	192	£803,904	£798,381	£799,242	3.83%	3.96%	£4,142	£4,146	£25,201	£26,062
White Laith Primary School	No	206	£866,677	206	900,988	206	£901,086	£895,448	£896,431	3.83%	3.96%	£4,326	£4,331	£28,772	£29,754
Whitecote Primary School	No	376	£1,604,894	376	1,728,832	376	£1,689,247	£1,658,385	£1,660,290	3.83%	3.96%	£4,311	£4,316	£53,492	£55,396
Wigton Moor Primary School	No	446	£1,600,623	446	1,702,161	446	£1,700,916	£1,700,916	£1,700,916	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£100,293	£100,293
Windmill Primary School	No	442	£2,052,216	442	2,134,664	442	£2,133,020	£2,123,090	£2,125,576	3.83%	3.96%	£4,705	£4,711	£70,875	£73,360
Woodlesford Primary School	No	410	£1,453,499	410	1,569,755	410	£1,571,292	£1,571,292	£1,571,292	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£117,793	£117,793
Wykebeck Primary School	No	406	£1,908,167	406	1,994,569	406	£1,992,082	£1,972,650	£1,974,945	3.83%	3.96%	£4,752	£4,758	£64,483	£66,778
Yeadon Westfield Infant School	No	170	£653,940	170	661,131	170	£663,906	£663,906	£659,403	1.84%	1.00%	£3,885	£3,858	£9,966	£5,468
Yeadon Westfield Junior School	No	228	£854,614	228	885,314	228	£885,114	£882,643	£883,610	3.83%	3.96%	£3,856	£3,860	£28,029	£28,996

Primary Academies & Free Schools

Allerton Bywater Primary School	No	358	£1,334,277	358	1,349,943	358	£1,356,757	£1,356,757	£1,355,860	1.84%	1.77%	£3,772	£3,770	£22,480	£21,583
Austhorpe Primary School	No	207	£789,957	207	797,174	207	£800,852	£800,852	£795,220	1.84%	1.00%	£3,851	£3,824	£10,895	£5,263
Blackgates Primary Academy	No	351	£1,393,277	351	1,476,132	351	£1,469,202	£1,442,138	£1,443,808	3.83%	3.96%	£4,090	£4,094	£48,861	£50,531
Bramley Park Academy	No	309	£1,363,715	309	1,459,255	309	£1,385,896	£1,385,896	£1,375,459	1.84%	1.00%	£4,465	£4,431	£22,180	£11,744
Calverley Parkside Primary School	No	204	£767,466	204	784,946	204	£774,037	£774,037	£768,620	1.84%	1.00%	£3,781	£3,754	£6,571	£1,153
Christ Church Upper Armley Church of England Primary School	No	181	£811,053	181	862,519	181	£852,418	£837,651	£838,563	3.83%	3.96%	£4,614	£4,619	£26,599	£27,510
Christ The King Catholic Primary School, A Voluntary Academy	No	175	£754,370	175	796,537	175	£792,369	£778,829	£779,665	3.83%	3.96%	£4,430	£4,435	£24,459	£25,295
Clifton Primary School	No	212	£786,887	212	810,407	212	£815,071	£811,155	£812,030	3.83%	3.96%	£3,804	£3,808	£24,268	£25,143
Co-op Academy Beckfield	No	192	£830,830	192	926,438	192	£873,640	£858,463	£859,400	3.83%	3.96%	£4,454	£4,459	£27,634	£28,570
Co-op Academy Brownhill	No	402	£1,887,060	402	2,035,044	402	£1,992,419	£1,954,852	£1,957,171	3.83%	3.96%	£4,846	£4,852	£67,792	£70,111
Co-op Academy Nightingale	Yes	394	£1,854,737	425	2,122,845	394	£1,979,100	£1,979,100	£1,979,100	cap not applicable		£5,016	£5,016	£124,362	£124,362
Co-op Academy Oakwood	No	420	£2,064,585	420	2,177,823	420	£2,186,341	£2,162,491	£2,164,826	3.83%	3.96%	£4,668	£4,673	£97,907	£100,241
Co-op Academy Woodlands	No	408	£1,871,958	408	1,969,243	408	£1,976,378	£1,939,156	£1,941,453	3.83%	3.96%	£4,733	£4,739	£67,198	£69,496
Cottingley Primary Academy	No	273	£1,245,007	273	1,306,584	273	£1,310,325	£1,288,296	£1,289,776	3.83%	3.96%	£4,705	£4,711	£43,290	£44,769
East Ardsley Primary Academy	No	405	£1,645,213	405	1,719,133	405	£1,728,189	£1,728,189	£1,728,189	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£82,976	£82,976
East Garforth Primary Academy	No	254	£939,501	254	980,646	254	£985,743	£971,105	£972,181	3.83%	3.96%	£3,803	£3,807	£31,604	£32,681
Ebor Gardens Primary Academy	No	388	£1,811,514	388	1,855,930	388	£1,863,583	£1,863,583	£1,863,583	3.07%	3.07%	£4,783	£4,783	£52,069	£52,069
Elements Primary Free School	Yes	65	£305,999	60	364,774	65	£385,058	£385,058	£385,058	cap not applicable		£5,933	£5,933	£79,059	£79,059
Green Lane Primary Academy	No	407	£1,421,116	407	1,526,250	407	£1,531,319	£1,531,319	£1,531,319	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£110,202	£110,202
Hill Top Primary Academy	No	212	£859,691	212	901,489	212	£894,313	£894,313	£894,313	2.45%	2.45%	£3,750	£3,750	£34,622	£34,622
Hillcrest Academy	No	413	£1,854,335	413	1,880,531	413	£1,886,424	£1,886,424	£1,880,352	1.84%	1.49%	£4,553	£4,539	£32,090	£26,017
Holy Name Catholic Voluntary Academy	No	206	£793,172	206	821,786	206	£825,375	£819,666	£820,553	3.83%	3.96%	£3,961	£3,966	£26,494	£27,381
Holy Trinity Church of England Academy, Rothwell	No	174	£731,953	174	766,551	174	£768,518	£755,445	£756,252	3.83%	3.96%	£4,325	£4,329	£23,492	£24,299
Khalsa Science Academy	Yes	145	£659,113	163	748,462	145	£669,017	£669,017	£664,475	1.84%	1.00%	£4,600	£4,569	£9,904	£5,362
Kippax Ash Tree Primary School	No	315	£1,491,257	315	1,542,708	315	£1,551,943	£1,551,943	£1,551,943	2.46%	2.46%	£3,895	£3,895	£60,685	£60,685
Kippax Greenfield Primary School	No	185	£698,439	185	723,812	185	£727,631	£720,761	£721,523	3.83%	3.96%	£3,875	£3,879	£22,322	£23,084
Kippax North Primary School	No	206	£786,159	206	799,231	206	£802,845	£802,845	£802,845	2.36%	2.36%	£3,880	£3,880	£16,687	£16,687
Manston St James Primary Academy	No	436	£1,573,903	436	1,642,988	436	£1,648,393	£1,640,427	£1,640,427	3.83%	3.96%	£3,750	£3,750	£66,524	£66,524
Meadowfield Primary School	No	394	£1,825,599	394	1,927,445	394	£1,923,332	£1,887,237	£1,889,465	3.83%	3.96%	£4,762	£4,768	£61,638	£63,866
Methley Primary School	No	407	£1,651,915	407	1,792,298	407	£1,802,426	£1,802,426	£1,802,426	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£150,512	£150,512
Middleton Primary School	No	424	£1,938,369	424	2,015,703	424	£2,021,053	£2,005,768	£2,008,153	3.83%	3.96%	£4,718	£4,724	£67,399	£69,784
Morley Newlands Academy	No	585	£2,167,553	585	2,273,295	585	£2,284,432	£2,246,027	£2,248,708	3.83%	3.96%	£3,820	£3,825	£78,474	£81,155
Park View Primary Academy	No	228	£1,078,510	228	1,138,153	228	£1,135,677	£1,115,259	£1,116,520	3.83%	3.96%	£4,873	£4,878	£36,749	£38,009
Pudsey Primrose Hill Primary School	No	424	£1,501,556	424	1,590,000	424	£1,597,629	£1,597,629	£1,597,629	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£96,073	£96,073
Pudsey Waterloo Primary	No	403	£1,483,043	403	1,519,585	403	£1,529,495	£1,529,495	£1,529,495	3.40%	3.40%	£3,771	£3,771	£46,452	£46,452
Raynville Primary School	No	398	£1,687,069	398	1,783,016	398	£1,747,019	£1,747,019	£1,749,049	3.83%	3.96%	£4,321	£4,326	£59,950	£61,980
Cockburn Haigh Road Academy (see note 5 at end of table)	No	123	£569,554	123	578,096	123	£563,938	£563,938	£560,187	1.84%	1.00%	£4,627	£4,597	£5,616	£9,367
Ryecroft Academy	No	282	£1,285,444	282	1,318,750	282	£1,322,133	£1,322,133	£1,322,133	3.12%	3.12%	£4,676	£4,676	£36,689	£36,689
Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy	No	211	£773,821	211	798,768	211	£804,738	£798,991	£799,849	3.83%	3.96%	£3,758	£3,762	£25,170	£26,028
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School	No	211	£790,936	211	802,975	211	£805,925	£805,925	£805,925	2.24%	2.24%	£3,805	£3,805	£14,988	£14,988
St Chad's Church of England Primary School	No	209	£803,305	209	819,807	209	£824,395	£824,395	£824,395	3.08%	3.08%	£3,922	£3,922	£21,090	£21,090
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley	No	192	£731,697	192	739,466	192	£742,633	£742,633	£738,934	1.84%	1.24%	£3,851	£3,832	£10,936	£7,237
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pudsey	No	270	£960,997	270	1,012,500	270	£1,016,929	£1,016,929	£1,016,929	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£56,831	£56,831
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Horsforth	No	208	£755,978	208	780,000	208	£782,995	£782,995	£782,995	cap not applicable		£3,750	£3,750	£27,017	£27,017

School Name	2019/20 funding for comparison		
	Is the school new and growing in 19-20?	Funded Pupils Oct 18	Formula Allocation 2019/20
See explanatory notes at end of table			
Swillington Primary School	No	179	£758,509
Templenewsam Halton Primary	No	423	£1,576,263
The Richmond Hill Academy	No	559	£2,485,255
Thornor Church of England Primary School	No	201	£748,215
Victoria Primary Academy	No	415	£1,734,835
Westerton Primary Academy	No	630	£2,152,853
Whittkirk Primary School	No	384	£1,455,688

SUB TOTALS		68,562	£280,288,771
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Maintained Secondary & All-Through Schools

Allerton Grange School	No	1,282	£7,484,359
Allerton High School	No	1,089	£5,923,826
Benton Park School	No	1,141	£5,629,103
Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School	No	907	£4,976,250
Carr Manor Community School (<i>All Through</i>)	No	1,260	£7,941,427
Corpus Christi Catholic College	No	937	£5,082,379
Guiseley School	No	1,152	£5,471,482
Lawnswood School	No	1,057	£6,727,881
Mount St Mary's Catholic High School	No	928	£5,317,549
Radsey Grangefield School	No	1,017	£5,344,152
Ralph Thoresby School	No	857	£5,134,630
Roundhay School (<i>All Through</i>)	No	1,810	£9,411,093
Royds School	No	912	£4,908,656
Wetherby High School	No	551	£2,755,040

Secondary & All Through Academies / Free Schools

Abbey Grange Church of England Academy	No	1,230	£6,076,541
Bishop Young Church of England Academy	No	680	£4,103,125
Boston Spa Academy	No	732	£3,702,290
Brigshaw High School	No	1,154	£5,668,246
Bruncliffe Academy	No	693	£3,748,035
Cockburn John Charles Academy	No	924	£6,354,229
Cockburn School	No	1,268	£7,055,532
Co-op Academy Leeds	No	879	£6,274,190
Co-op Academy Priesthorpe	No	981	£5,171,546
Crawshaw Academy	No	907	£4,639,839
Dixons Trinity Chapeltown (<i>All Through</i>)	Yes	280	£1,549,914
Dixons Unity Academy	No	680	£4,434,969
Garforth Academy	No	1,506	£7,153,787
Horsforth School	No	1,124	£5,391,561
John Smeaton Academy	No	833	£5,193,686
Leeds City Academy	No	584	£4,840,687
Leeds East Academy	No	874	£5,434,504
Leeds Jewish Free School	No	107	£734,364
Leeds West Academy	No	1,187	£6,592,003
Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School Specialist Language College	No	1,284	£6,064,050
Rodillian Academy	No	1,388	£7,298,499
St. Mary's Menston, a Catholic Voluntary Academy	No	987	£4,666,896
Temple Learning Academy (<i>All Through</i>)	Yes	541	£3,075,888
Temple Moor High School	No	1,145	£6,018,125
The Farnley Academy	No	1,312	£6,892,253
The Morley Academy	No	1,561	£7,703,718
The Ruth Gorse Academy	No	1,059	£6,285,660
University Technical College Leeds	No	226	£1,333,171
Woodkirk Academy	No	1,537	£7,461,971

SUB TOTALS		42,564	£233,027,107
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2020/21 National Funding Formula (NFF) figures published on government website

NFF Pupil Numbers	NFF Allocation
179	773,440
423	1,632,629
559	2,694,278
201	765,449
415	1,898,285
630	2,362,500
384	1,518,814

£68,606	£295,263,272
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2020/21 local funding formula

Illustrative Funded Pupils Oct 18	Draft Funding Allocation if no high needs transfer	Option 1	Option 2
1	6		
179	£779,922	£779,922	£779,922
423	£1,637,572	£1,630,673	£1,632,584
559	£2,621,651	£2,571,582	£2,574,672
201	£768,705	£768,705	£768,705
415	£1,831,109	£1,796,791	£1,798,909
630	£2,373,559	£2,373,559	£2,373,559
384	£1,524,116	£1,507,137	£1,508,892

£68,562	£293,853,123	£291,774,836	£291,859,825
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Minimum Funding Guarantee /gains (Schools affected by the high needs transfer are shaded blue)

Option 1	Option 2
3, 4	3, 4
3.79%	3.79%
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
3.22%	3.22%
3.83%	3.96%
cap not applicable	
3.83%	3.96%

Per pupil funding 2020/21 = (total funding less premises costs) /funded pupils Schools receiving the Minimum Per Pupil Funding are shaded green

Option 1	Option 2
4	4
£4,321	£4,321
£3,843	£3,848
£4,577	£4,582
£3,808	£3,808
£4,312	£4,317
£3,750	£3,750
£3,911	£3,916

Total funding gains compared to 2019/20, after high needs transfer (including premises funding but before delegation or severance contributions for maintained schools)

Option 1	Option 2
2, 5	2, 5
£21,413	£21,413
£54,410	£56,321
£86,328	£89,418
£20,490	£20,490
£61,956	£64,074
£220,706	£220,706
£51,450	£53,204

£11,486,066	£11,571,055
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Abbey Grange Church of England Academy	No	1,230	£6,076,541
Bishop Young Church of England Academy	No	680	£4,103,125
Boston Spa Academy	No	732	£3,702,290
Brigshaw High School	No	1,154	£5,668,246
Bruncliffe Academy	No	693	£3,748,035
Cockburn John Charles Academy	No	924	£6,354,229
Cockburn School	No	1,268	£7,055,532
Co-op Academy Leeds	No	879	£6,274,190
Co-op Academy Priesthorpe	No	981	£5,171,546
Crawshaw Academy	No	907	£4,639,839
Dixons Trinity Chapeltown (<i>All Through</i>)	Yes	280	£1,549,914
Dixons Unity Academy	No	680	£4,434,969
Garforth Academy	No	1,506	£7,153,787
Horsforth School	No	1,124	£5,391,561
John Smeaton Academy	No	833	£5,193,686
Leeds City Academy	No	584	£4,840,687
Leeds East Academy	No	874	£5,434,504
Leeds Jewish Free School	No	107	£734,364
Leeds West Academy	No	1,187	£6,592,003
Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School Specialist Language College	No	1,284	£6,064,050
Rodillian Academy	No	1,388	£7,298,499
St. Mary's Menston, a Catholic Voluntary Academy	No	987	£4,666,896
Temple Learning Academy (<i>All Through</i>)	Yes	541	£3,075,888
Temple Moor High School	No	1,145	£6,018,125
The Farnley Academy	No	1,312	£6,892,253
The Morley Academy	No	1,561	£7,703,718
The Ruth Gorse Academy	No	1,059	£6,285,660
University Technical College Leeds	No	226	£1,333,171
Woodkirk Academy	No	1,537	£7,461,971

1,230	6,281,083
680	4,278,585
732	3,724,513
1,154	5,815,670
693	3,856,967
924	6,709,567
1,268	7,290,292
879	6,525,745
981	5,339,774
907	4,731,018
352	1,939,679
680	4,550,945
1,506	7,530,000
1,124	5,620,000
833	5,349,949
584	4,893,597
874	5,645,175
107	797,716
1,187	6,809,698
1,284	6,420,000
1,388	7,444,994
987	4,935,000
613	3,383,345
1,145	6,209,284
1,312	7,124,489
1,561	7,976,405
1,059	6,350,444
227	1,368,940
1,537	7,720,312

1,230	£6,317,143
680	£4,321,823
732	£3,758,276
1,154	£5,855,650
693	£3,859,337
924	£6,739,950
1,268	£7,346,613
879	£6,558,212
981	£5,364,521
907	£4,761,448
280	£1,578,332
680	£4,601,768
1,506	£7,569,424
1,124	£5,652,768
833	£5,387,168
584	£4,926,574
874	£5,635,747
107	£745,814
1,187	£6,848,785
1,284	£6,449,952
1,388	£7,491,534
987	£4,962,904
541	£3,154,223
1,145	£6,242,016
1,312	£7,160,160
1,561	£8,008,108
1,059	£6,398,713
226	£1,379,298
1,537	£7,752,647

£6,304,078	£6,311,859
£4,253,413	£4,258,592
£3,758,276	£3,758,276
£5,855,650	£5,855,650
£3,859,337	£3,859,337
£6,621,777	£6,629,070
£7,334,103	£7,343,161
£6,518,428	£6,525,651
£5,364,120	£5,364,521
£4,761,448	£4,761,448
£1,578,332	£1,566,281
£4,593,793	£4,598,970
£7,569,424	£7,569,424
£5,652,768	£5,652,768
£5,381,801	£5,387,168
£4,926,574	£4,887,038
£5,635,747	£5,642,686
£745,814	£740,670
£6,837,173	£6,845,624
£6,449,952	£6,449,952
£7,491,534	£7,491,534
£4,962,904	£4,962,904
£3,154,223	£3,129,232
£6,229,937	£6,237,629
£7,147,625	£7,156,473
£7,993,407	£8,003,330
£6,398,713	£6,398,713
£1,379,298	£1,380,869
£7,742,839	£7,752,438

3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
2.02%	2.02%
3.42%	3.42%
3.11%	3.11%
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
2.73%	2.73%
1.84%	1.00%
3.83%	3.96%
cap not applicable	
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
1.84%	1.00%
3.83%	3.96%
cap not applicable	
2.32%	2.32%
cap not applicable	
1.84%	1.00%
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%
2.68%	2.68%
3.83%	3.96%
3.83%	3.96%

£5,096	£5,102
£6,191	£6,199
£5,088	£5,088
£5,040	£5,040
£5,531	£5,531
£6,366	£6,374
£5,740	£5,747
£6,629	£6,637
£5,443	£5,443
£5,216	£5,216
£5,620	£5,577
£6,189	£6,196
cap not applicable	
£5,000	£5,000
£5,734	£5,740
£8,404	£8,336
£6,410	£6,418
£6,898	£6,850
£5,727	£5,734
£5,086	£5,086
£5,000	£5,000
£5,808	£5,762
£5,412	£5,419
£5,421	£5,427
£5,100	£5,107
£5,997	£5,997
£6,006	£6,013
£5,013	£5,020

£227,537	£235,318
£150,289	£155,468
£55,986	£55,986
£187,404	£187,404
£111,302	£111,302
£267,548	£274,842
£278,571	£287,629
£244,238	£251,461
£192,573	£192,975
£121,609	£121,609
£28,418	£16,367
£158,824	£164,000
£415,637	£415,637
£261,207	£261,207
£188,115	£193,482
£85,888	£46,351
£201,243	£208,182
£11,450	£6,305
£245,170	£253,622
£385,902	£385,902
£193,036	£193,036
£296,009	£296,009
£78,335	£53,344
£211,813	£219,504
£255,372	£264,220
£289,689	£299,611
£113,053	£113,053
£46,127	£47,699
£280,868	£290,467

8,193,901	8,108,912
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School Name	2019/20 funding for comparison			2020/21 National Funding Formula (NFF) figures published on government website		2020/21 local funding formula				Minimum Funding Guarantee /gains (Schools affected by the high needs transfer are shaded blue)		Per pupil funding 2020/21 = (total funding less premises costs) /funded pupils Schools receiving the Minimum Per Pupil Funding are shaded green		Total funding gains compared to 2019/20, after high needs transfer (including premises funding but before de-delegation or severance contributions for maintained schools)	
	Is the school new and growing in 19-20?	Funded Pupils Oct 18	Formula Allocation 2019-20	NFF Pupil Numbers	NFF Allocation	Illustrative Funded Pupils Oct 18	Draft Funding Allocation if no high needs transfer	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2
See explanatory notes at end of table															
GRAND TOTALS		111,125	£513,315,878	111,331	£536,924,259	111,125	£535,645,845	£532,995,845	£532,995,845	3, 4	3, 4	4	4	£19,679,967	£19,679,967
Growth Fund (Explicit) (see note 7 below)			£2,500,000		£0		£0	£0	£0					-£2,500,000	-£2,500,000
Transfer to High Needs Block			£1,500,000		£0		£0	£2,650,000	£2,650,000					£1,150,000	£1,150,000
SCHOOLS BLOCK TOTAL			£517,315,878		£536,924,259		£535,645,845	£535,645,845	£535,645,845					£18,329,967	£18,329,967

NOTES

- Numbers funded through the funding formula in reception to yr 11 (including pupils in resourced units as at October 2018 census).
- Formula funding allocations before adjustments for de-delegation and education services.
- The cap on gains cannot apply to any school classified as new & growing i.e. a school that opened in the past 7 years and has not reached its full number of year groups
- The cap on gains cannot reduce the post minimum funding guarantee (MFG) budget below the minimum funding level (MFL) per pupil.
- There is an increase in pupil-led funding for all schools. However as we have accounted for any changes to business rates in the total funding allocation for 2020/21 and some schools received one-off business rates funding adjustments in 2019/20, this may affect the overall comparison between 2019/20 and 2020/21.
- The school level figures published by the DfE will differ from the council's calculations as: a) the DfE has calculated school-level figures on a different basis to the provisional funding for the local authority and b) local factors such as changes in business rates affect the distribution of funding across schools.
- A Growth Fund will be established for 2020/21, however this is not currently shown in the 2020/21 figures as the ESFA has not yet advised how much growth funding local authorities will receive.

Dedicated Schools Grant - Movement Between Blocks

The schools revenue funding 2020 to 2021 operational guide issued in October 2019 gives details of the evidence to be presented to the Leeds Schools Forum to explain why a transfer from the schools block to the high needs block is requested.

The requirements have not significantly changed since last year and the majority of this information has not changed as the High Needs Block (HNB) review carried out during 2017 already addressed these issues. The details of these requirements and the evidence to support the request are as follows:-

- **Details of any previous movements between blocks, what pressures those movements covered, and why those transfers have not been adequate to counter the new cost pressures.**

When describing previous year's transfers from the schools block to the high needs block it is important to note that under the national funding formula the initial allocation to each block is from a 2017/18 baseline position. This means that each subsequent year's transfer request replaces the previous year's request and is not on top of the previous year's request.

Schools Forum approved a transfer of £2m from the schools block to the high needs block (HNB) for 2017/18. This was part of a number of proposals totalling £5.3m which aimed to bring the expenditure on the HNB back in line with the funding available. This was in response to identification of probable overspend given new and continued pressures on the budget.

Schools Forum also approved a transfer of £2m from the schools block and a further £500k from the Central School Services block (CSSB) to the HNB in 2018/19. Reductions in expenditure totalling £2.219m were also implemented which included reducing the FFI unit rate to £600 per unit for all settings apart from special school settings.

For 2019/20, Schools Forum had originally approved a transfer of £2.5m from the Schools Block and £0.8m from the CSSB to the HNB. However in December 2018, the government announced additional high need block revenue funding of £125m nationally for 2019/20, of which Leeds received £1.759m. As a result of this additional funding, the transfer from the schools block was reduced to £1.5m and the FFI unit rate for mainstream schools was increased to £650 per unit. This was to support schools in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable learners in the city without the need for an EHC plan. The FFI unit for special schools in the city was maintained at £684.

A budget monitoring report taken to Schools Forum on 10th October 2019 reported a projected overspend of £7.2m on the HNB during 2019/20. The reasons for this include:

The number of new assessments has been steadily increasing which has led to a significant increase in EHC plans. There has been an 80% rise in new assessments in 2018/19 compared to 2014/15. We estimate that if the current high level of demand for support through EHCPs is sustained the number of children supported through these

plans is likely to double by 2025 to over 7,000 children. National statistics tell us that around half of learners with a plan are then taught in specialist provision. This current trend has led to a much greater increase in the need for special school places. There is a great deal of work underway to develop additional SILC placements which go some way to meet the additional demand. For some pupils there is the need to place on a residential basis at a high cost to the local authority. This is usually around complex ASC and also in some cases for complex SEMH. A further demand is for places for pupils with ASC who are able to access an academic curriculum but where they have a high level of anxiety and SEMH. There are not sufficient places in city to meet the need. This has led to Leeds needing to source additional places within the independent settings to make provision available.

These issues have resulted in projected overspends of £2.3m in outside and external residential placements and £5.2m in SEN top ups to institutions.

In respect of mainstream maintained schools and academies, top up funding in 2018/19 totalled £9.21m. Based on this level of expenditure, the increase in unit rate would have meant costs in 2019/20 of approximately £9.98m. However, the projected costs for 2019/20 are £12.50m which is an increase of £3.29m compared to 2018/19. As stated above, the transfer from the schools block to the HNB was £1.5m.

A request is now made to transfer £2.65m from the schools block to the HNB in 2019/20 which is just under 0.5% of the schools block. This amount is from the 2017/18 baseline and represents an increase of £1.15m compared to the amount agreed in 2019/20.

- **A full breakdown of the specific budget pressures that have led to the requirement for a transfer.**

Historically, Leeds has been underfunded in comparison to other LAs; at 17/18, HNB funding for Leeds is 25% lower than the national average (mean) of £327 per pupil, at just £240 per pupil (please refer to the HNB Review, pp. 36). This is in a city of high levels of deprivation, which correlates with increased levels of SEND. The High Needs National Funding Formula seeks to address this inequity in future years. Meanwhile, Leeds continues to manage the implications of a legacy of significant underfunding in comparison to other LAs. As a result if no action is taken, there will be a significant overspend on the HNB which will place the DSG as a whole in a deficit position.

As part of the grant conditions for DSG, where a local authority has an overall deficit on DSG of 1% or more at the end of the financial year, it must submit a recovery plan to the Department for Education, setting out how it plans to bring the overall DSG account into balance within a maximum of three years. In exceptional cases the authority may propose to leave some of the accumulated deficit outstanding, where it is not practicable to do otherwise. The recovery plan should be discussed and if possible, agreed with the schools forum and will require Chief Finance Officer sign off prior to submission to the Department for Education.

Initial allocations for 2020/21 have recently been announced. Nationally, the HNB funding has been increased by £780m with each authority guaranteed an increase of 8% with a maximum increase of 17%. For Leeds, these allocations show an increase of £12.38m compared to 2019/20. However, there is still a cap on gains which means that the increase should have been £17.06m and so there has been a loss of funding of £4.7m.

A full breakdown of pressures in the HNB will be presented to Schools Forum in November. However, it is expected that the significant increase in funding will not be sufficient to fund the estimated costs in 2020/21. The main issues are:

- There is expected to be an overall deficit on general DSG of £4.2m at the end of 2019/20 which will need to be repaid.
- The continuing full year effect of the cost of additional places required from September 2019.
- It is estimated that there will be a requirement for an additional 234 places in specialist settings in September 2020 and due to a lack of suitable places in Leeds, a proportion of these will need to be placed in expensive outside placements.
- An increasing demand for places for young learners aged 17 – 25.
- For services provided by Leeds City Council, there will be unavoidable additional costs as a result of increases in pay and pension rates although this is a much less significant financial pressure.

The alternative to transferring funding from the schools block would be to reduce expenditure in the HNB. As identified in the comprehensive high needs review carried out recently, as the vast majority of high needs expenditure is in payments to institutions, this is likely to have an impact on funding that schools could expect to receive from Funding For Inclusion top ups.

- **a strategic financial plan setting out how the local authority intends to bring high needs expenditure to levels that can be sustained within anticipated future high needs funding levels.**

During 2017, a review was undertaken of the high needs block of the DSG. This review has highlighted the pressures faced and has sought the opinions of stakeholders on measures to address these pressures. This review included an assessment of future years' projected income and costs, based on known increases in demand along with estimated increases as a result of an increasing population, increasing numbers of pupils identified with SEND and projected inflation pressures.

The findings of the review, including the outcomes of significant consultation with stakeholders, were taken to Schools Forum in October 2017. This included a range of options on how to reduce overspend, and included stakeholders' preferred options, including requesting a transfer of funding from the schools block. This was considered one of the most preferable options by a stakeholders (see further details in high needs block review, pp 47 to 50). The issues identified in the review will be kept under review. Given the volatile nature of the demand on this funding and uncertainty around grant allocations after 2020/21 as the increase in funding to the HNB has been announced for

one year only, it is proposed to use the opportunity of likely increases in funding to take time to consult further on some of the more fundamental changes to the FFI system.

It should be noted that while this request is for a one-off transfer from the schools block for 2020/21, projections indicate a funding shortfall in future years as we await the impact of the new increased funding to be fully realised. The review highlighted a number of options to bring the high needs expenditure in line with the funding available, though how this will be implemented and in what timescales depends on the preferences of schools and Schools Forum and on the feasibility of introducing significant changes to established funding. Therefore at this stage it is possible that there may be future requests to transfer funding from the schools block, although this depends on future funding regulations allowing such a transfer.

- **As part of the review and planning process, the extent to which collaborative working is being developed as a means of securing suitable high needs placements at a cost that can be afforded.**

Leeds continues to consider collaborative working with partners essential to managing sustainable, quality high needs provision in the city. Key to this is our local development of Area Inclusion Partnerships (AIPs) across the city; partnerships of local school and setting leaders who manage funds devolved from the HNB to provide locally based and managed solutions to meeting the needs of children and young people with emerging higher level SEMH needs and behavioural issues, in schools in their area. Leeds has completed a review of this arrangement in close partnership with all stakeholders and identified further measures to strengthen this arrangement. This partnership arrangement has allowed for local schools to develop and manage the right local solutions for their learners, with the support and challenge of the local authority and facilitation of collaborative working with one another. This arrangement has seen a reduction in permanent exclusions, with some areas consistently achieving a '0 permanent exclusions' outcome. This reduces the need for the authority to find costly alternative provision placements and reduces disruption to vulnerable children and young people. This will continue to be an area of focus for Leeds in the years ahead as we continue to experience high numbers of children and young people with these challenging needs.

Leeds has, over a number of years, developed partnership arrangements between its special schools (SILCs) and local mainstream schools. These partnerships are very popular with parents as they enable children with SEND to be educated in a mainstream setting, and therefore to have the opportunity for social and academic integration as appropriate, whilst continuing to benefit from specialist teaching. The children remain on the roll of the SILC and are largely taught by SILC staff. These partnership arrangements are kept under review and new partnerships developed to meet need.

- **Any contributions from health and social care budgets towards the cost of specialist places.**

For Leeds, the costs of external residential placements are met by Children and Families Services in the first instance. An exercise is then completed to analyse those costs between care (local authority cost), health (CCG cost) and education (DSG cost). The actual cost for 2018/19 and projected costs for 2019/20 for this are:

	2018/19	2019/20
Local Authority	£9.116m	£9.063m
CCG	£0.873m	£0.892m
DSG	£2.358m	£2.458m

These costs are kept under review to reassess the costs allocated to DSG to ensure that an appropriate charge is made. This exercise (completed on a person by person basis analysing each placement cost) shows that relevant costs chargeable to DSG are expected to be over £3m in 2019/20. This is due to more complex placements with higher education elements built into the plans.

It is proposed to phase these costs into the HNB over the next few years in line with increases in the projected grant due. In order to ensure that the charges to the HNB are evidenced correctly, an exercise will be carried out annually to review these costs.

- **How any additional high needs funding would be targeted to good and outstanding primary and secondary schools that provide an excellent education for a larger than average number of pupils with high needs, or to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs in mainstream schools.**

It is recognised that any future planning for SEND provision needs to be made in a way that is not only financially sustainable but also in line with family wishes. The Strategic Review of SEND provision in Leeds is consulting on a number of priorities for the city, which starts with the need to drive inclusion and to increase capacity in mainstream school and to increase specialist provision in areas of the city where there is demand by first looking at Resource Provisions as well as with SILC Partnerships. It is important to note that one of the key principles of the review is that any future planning, expansion and new provision will only be made in good or outstanding schools/settings, therefore targeting any additional high needs funding effectively and appropriately. By predicting trends and by regularly reviewing SEND provision the LA will be better placed with regard to any future year requests to move money between blocks.

Leeds's Funding for Inclusion system ensures that schools are funded according to the needs of their pupils, and not only through Education, Health and Care plans. Popular and successful schools that attract greater numbers of children with SEND through the normal admissions process will therefore receive higher levels of funding to support them to make excellent provision for those pupils.

- **Details of the impact of the proposed transfer on individual schools' budgets as a result of the reduction in the available funding to be distributed through the local schools funding formula.**

This detail has been sent to schools as part of the National Funding Formula consultation. This proposal is to transfer £2.65m from the schools block to the high needs block. The proposal also includes transferring all available funding from the CSSB (currently estimated to be £250k).

The details on the estimated impact on schools budgets of the proposed transfer are included in the consultation.

- **The extent to which schools more generally support the proposal, including the outcome of local school consultations.**

Key points from the consultation for the High Needs Block Review carried out in 2017 were:

- Participants in focus groups during consultation on the review recognised the need to reduce overspend, with none stating that they opposed this. Many noted that they found it difficult to identify HOW to make savings, but all agreed that action must be taken.
- Participants were asked to identify and rank their 'top 5' preferred options of a list of 19 which had been identified as possibilities. These were then scored accordingly, the highest scores reflecting the most selected options. In ranking terms, the option to transfer funding from the schools block was joint 4th most preferred option of stakeholders (along with other options achieving the same or a very similar score).
- However, it should be noted that of the 3 more popular options, the total estimated savings was less than £300k. These savings have now been fully implemented. The transfer of funds from the schools block is one of only 4 options in the final 8 most preferred by stakeholders, which will achieve meaningful progress towards reducing a significant projected overspend. Of those 4, it is the 3rd most popular option.
- It should also be noted that many of those indicating preference for a transfer of funds, noted that they felt this was a 'short term' solution only, but a necessary one as we work on other areas of making savings. A view on equity shared by the participants is reflected in this comment: 'it is fairer (to transfer funds from the schools block to the HNB) as it spreads the savings across children and young people who don't have SEND as well'. Essentially, it was felt the need to make savings should not be borne only by those schools with children and young people with additional needs.

This consultation is to assess the support of schools in Leeds for the proposal to transfer £2.65m (an increase of £1.15m from 2019/20) from the schools block to the high needs block in 2020/21.

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Schools Forum forward plan 2019/20

Schools Forum date	Agenda items	Purpose
16/01/20	Final school funding arrangements 2020/21	Information
	De-delegation 2020/21	Decision
13/02/20	Free Early Education Entitlement rates and centrally retained funding 2020/21	Decision and consultation
	DSG budget monitoring report 2019/20	Information

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