

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: High Needs Block

DATE: 15th January 2014

RECIPIENT: Schools Forum

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SUMMARY:

1. This paper outlines the proposals for the High Needs Block including funding for Special schools, units in maintained schools and Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) from April 2014.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

2. The proposed High Needs Block is shown in Appendix 1.

3. High Needs pupils in maintained schools

From April 2014, the DfE has imposed a mandatory threshold of £6,000 of additional support per High Needs pupil that schools are required to fund from their formula budget. This is in line with the 2013/14 threshold implemented in Southampton.

4. The Pupils with Statements budget will reimburse schools for both low and high incidence pupils where additional educational costs exceed £6,000. It is assumed that 12 hours of LSA time per week equate to the £6,000 cost:

e.g. 12 hours x 45.62 weeks x £10.98* = £6,011

* £10.98 equates to a Grade 6 LSA paid on scale point 19

Schools will be reimbursed for support of more than 12 hours per week, term time only at a rate of £10.98 per hour.

5. Special Schools, Special Free Schools and Special Units

The local authority has identified, based on current profile, the number of places required at the five Special schools, four Special units and one Free school in the 2014/15 financial year.

School	Places April 2014	Places Sept 2014
Springwell School	96	96
Great Oaks School	145	162
The Cedar School	70	70
The Polygon School	50	50
Vermont School	28	28
Rosewood School	26	26
Tanners Brook Primary School	14	14
Redbridge Community School	7	7
Bitterne Park School	5	5
Total	441	458

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Appendix 1

Estimated High Needs Block 2014/15

DfE 2014/15 High Needs Block	£17,623,000
Transfer from Early Years Block	£894,400
Total High Needs Block	<u>£18,517,400</u>
Funding for maintained providers	£11,696,100
Funding for Academies, Free Schools and Colleges	£1,891,700
Funding for independent providers	£1,993,100
Other Alternative Provision	£168,800
SEN support services	£828,400
Support for inclusion	£918,200
Hospital education services	£531,000
Overheads	£490,100
TOTAL	£18,517,400