
SUBJECT: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING & 2021/22 OUTTURN
DATE: 12 October 2022 (Previously published for 14 September meeting)
RECIPIENT: SCHOOL'S FORUM

SUMMARY:

Update of DFE/ESFA funding to provide update on

1. Provisional NFF Funding announcement 2023/24
2. Homes for Ukraine: education and childcare funding

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING

1. The DFE/ESFA have published provisional NFF funding for 2023/24. Note the Early Years NFF is determined by a separate NFF which is not yet available.

	2023/24 Provisional NFF (£)	Change to 2022/23 (£)	Change to 2022/23 (%)
Schools block	178,065,451	4,019,783	2.26%
Central school services block	1,643,696	- 99,747	-6.07%
High needs block	41,992,708	2,680,452	6.38%
Early years block	n/a	n/a	n/a
	221,701,855	6,600,487	2.98%

2. The comparison to 2022/23 includes the Schools Supplementary Grant (SSG) which will be incorporated into core budget allocations for 2023 to 2024.
3. The DfE notes overall national increase in funding through the schools NFF is 1.9% in 2023-24, and 1.9% per pupil, compared to 2022-23. The main features being:

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- a. Minimum per pupil funding levels have been set at Primary £4,405 per pupil, secondary £5,503 (KS3) and £6,033 (KS4) per pupil.
 - b. Additional support directed to disadvantaged pupils, by increasing the FSM6 and IDACI factors in the schools NFF by a greater amount than other factors. These factors will increase by 4.3%, compared to their 2022-23 values.
 - c. The core factors in the schools NFF (such as the basic entitlement, and the lump sum that all schools attract) will increase by 2.4%.
4. 2023-24 will be the first year of transition to the direct schools NFF, local authorities will only be allowed to use NFF factors in their local formulae, and must use all NFF factors, except any locally determined premises factors. These factors are built into the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and in Southampton we already “mirroring” the NFF.
 5. Local authorities will continue to set a minimum funding guarantee in local formulae, which in 2023-24 must be between +0.0% and +0.5%.
 6. Local authorities will again be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their total schools block allocations to other blocks of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), with schools forum approval. A disapplication will continue to be required for transfers above 0.5%, or for any amount without schools forum approval.
 7. The national increase in high needs funding, between 2022-23 and 2023-24, will be £570 million, or 6.3%.
 8. The local authority has received detail of the Homes for Ukraine: education and childcare funding and is assessing the criteria laid out in the grant conditions. The funding must only be used for the provision of education and childcare for children ages 2 to 18 who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route.

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