

Wiltshire Council

School Funding & SEN Working Group - 10th January 2022

Schools Forum - 20th January 2022

Schools Supplementary Grant 2022-23 - Funding & Methodology

Purpose of the Report

1. At the December 2021 Schools Forum meeting, members were advised that additional funding was being made available to schools for the 2022-23 year, however there was limited detail at that point.
2. This paper serves to update Schools Forum and outline the level of additional funding and how it will be allocated to schools in the 2022-23 year.

Introduction to Schools Supplementary Grant 2022-23

3. In the Autumn of 2021, the Governments spending review confirmed an additional £1.6bn funding for schools and high needs, in addition to the previous funding pledges. Of the additional funding, £1.2bn has been allocated to schools in support of the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy (employers National Insurance increase of 1.25%) and the wider cost pressures in schools.
4. Due to the timing of the funding announcement, it was not possible for the additional funding to be built into the core National Funding Formula (NFF) values and therefore the funding is being paid as a Supplementary Grant in 2022-23. It is proposed that from 2023-24 that the additional funding will be baselined and incorporated into the NFF values and therefore the grant will only be paid separately for the 2022-23 year.
5. The supplementary grant will be paid to all maintained schools and academies and all eligible schools will receive their funding from the Spring term 2022.
6. As the funding cycle for academies follows the academic year and not the LA financial year, academy schools will receive additional supplementary grant funding for the period April – August 2023. This provides an equitable solution rolling the funding into academies core funding from September 2023, ensuring parity over funding between maintained schools and academies.

School Funding Rates

7. The funding has been provided to assist schools with the costs of the Health and Social Care Levy and wider cost pressures. Funding rates have been differentiated between early years pupils in maintained nurseries, mainstream 5-16 year-old pupils and post-16 pupils, with the bulk allocated to the mainstream 5-16 year-old pupils.

8. Funding will be allocated using the following three elements, which are already key components of the NFF, using data from the October 2021 census.
- A basic 'per pupil' rate based upon the 'key stages'
 - A lump sum paid to all schools (irrespective of size) - £3,680
 - A per pupil rate for FSM6 pupils (different rates for primary and secondary)
9. The table below sets out the funding rates for each element.

	<u>Early Years</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Key Stage 3</u>	<u>Key Stage 4</u>	<u>Post-16</u>
Basic per pupil rate	£24	£97	£137	£155	£35
FSM6 per pupil rate		£85	£124	£124	
Lump sum per school			£3,680		

10. The table below sets out some indicative funding for Wiltshire schools.

<u>School</u>	<u>Per Pupil</u>	<u>FSM6</u>	<u>Lump</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Small Primary (51)	£4,947	£607	£3,680	£9,234
1xFE Primary (209)	£20,273	£2,309	£3,680	£26,262
2xFE Primary (424)	£41,128	£3,604	£3,680	£48,412
Small Secondary (413)	£58,993	£9,218	£3,680	£71,891
Medium Secondary (847)	£122,717	£16,804	£3,680	£143,201
Large Secondary (1275 + 273)	£192,870	£30,039	£3,680	£226,499

Proposal

11. Schools Forum is asked to note the report.

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