

Wiltshire Council

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Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MASG) 2023-24 - Funding & Methodology

Purpose of the Paper

1. At the December 2022 Schools Forum meeting, members were advised that additional funding was being made available to schools for the 2023-24 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 2023-24 year.

Introduction to Mainstream Schools Additional Grant 2023-24

3. In the Autumn of 2022, the Government's spending review (Autumn Statement) confirmed an additional £2.0bn of funding for schools and high needs, in addition to the previous funding pledges. Of the additional funding, £1.6bn has been allocated to mainstream schools in support of the general costs of living increases, pay awards and the wider cost pressures in schools. The remaining £400m has been allocated to the High Needs Block, of which Wiltshire's share is £2.94m.
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 an additional Grant in 2023-24. The **Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MASG)** will be introduced from 1 April 2023, the start of the new financial year and will apply to maintained and academy schools alike. It is proposed that from 2024-25 that the additional funding will be baselined and incorporated into the NFF values and therefore the MASG grant will only be paid separately for the 2023-24 year.
5. As the funding cycle for academies follows the academic year and not the LA financial year, academy schools will receive additional grant funding for the period April – August 2024. This provides an equitable solution rolling the funding into academies core funding from September 2024, ensuring parity over funding between maintained schools and academies.

School Funding Rates

6. The funding is provided to assist schools with pay awards and wider cost pressures. Funding rates have been differentiated between Primary and Secondary pupils and

are approximately 22% higher than the Supplementary Grant rates in 2022-23. Funding does not extend to Early Years or Post-16 pupils.

7. Funding will be allocated using the following three elements, which are already key components of the NFF, using data from the October 2022 census.
 - A basic 'per pupil' rate based upon the 'key stages'
 - A lump sum paid to all schools (irrespective of size) - £4,510
 - A per pupil rate for FSM6 pupils (different rates for primary and secondary)
8. The table below sets out the funding rates for each element.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Key Stage 3</u>	<u>Key Stage 4</u>	<u>All Schools</u>
Basic per pupil rate	£119	£168	£190	
FSM6 per pupil rate	£104	£152	£152	
Lump sum per school				£4,510

9. 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 (47)	£5,593	£520	£4,510	£10,623
½xFE Primary (104)	£12,376	£1,144	£4,510	£18,030
1xFE Primary (209)	£24,871	£3,744	£4,510	£33,125
2xFE Primary (420)	£49,980	£6,656	£4,510	£61,146
Small Secondary (440)	£77,066	£13,680	£4,510	£95,256
Medium Secondary (784)	£138,070	£28,728	£4,510	£171,308
Large Secondary (1,244)	£219,750	£25,688	£4,510	£249,948

Proposal

10. Schools Forum is asked to note the report.

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