

Appendix 3 - Special Schools Minimum Funding Guarantee 23-24 Rates

This working paper follows the DfE Model guidance and shows the increase between 2021-22 actual costs and the 2022-23 forecast costs which indicates whether additional % increases need to be applied to Special school Top up rates for 2023-24 in order to meet the Special Schools Minimum Funding Guarantee of 3% across 21-22 to 23-24 financial years. The DfE later updated this guidance to include a calculation of 3.4% to be applied to 23-24 financial year based on 2223 payment rates.

		Special schools funding: 2021 to 2022 pupil numbers		22-23 funded rates at 21-22 pupil numbers	Target 3% - increase top ups by 0.25% across the board	Special School Funding Bands						
		Total	Total			L1	U1	L2	U2	L3	L4	
Silverwood	Number of places	360	360									
	Number of pupils	386	386									
	Place funding @ £10,000 per pupil	£3,600,000	£3,600,000									
	Top-up funding	£3,400,280	£3,604,253									
	Total funding	£7,000,280	£7,204,253									
	MFG % difference from 2021 to 2022			2.9%	3.0%							
Downland	Number of places	89	89									
	Number of pupils	86	86									
	Place funding	£890,000	£890,000									
	Top-up funding	£991,760	£1,051,271									
	Total funding	£1,881,760	£1,941,271									
	MFG % difference from 2021 to 2022			3.2%	3.3%							
Exeter House	Number of places	152	152									
	Number of pupils	152	152									
	Place funding	£1,520,000	£1,520,000									
	Top-up funding	£1,731,491	£1,938,027									
	Total funding	£3,251,491	£3,458,027									
	MFG % difference from 2021 to 2022			6.4%	6.5%							
Springfield	Number of places	204	204									
	Number of pupils	201	201									
	Place funding	£2,040,000	£2,040,000									
	Top-up funding	£2,027,500	£2,149,150									
	Total funding	£4,067,500	£4,189,150									
	MFG % difference from 2021 to 2022			3.0%	3.1%							

A parity funding review was carried out in 2022-23 and top up rates for Exeter House were aligned to those of Silverwood - this re-basing influences the % change above. In future years this will plateau. Please note rates reflect split site allowances where these apply.

		Special schools funding: 2022 to 2023 pupil numbers		2023 pupil numbers	Total
		Total	Total		
Silverwood	Number of places	410			
	Number of pupils	410			
	Place funding @ £10,000 per pupil	£4,100,000			
	Top-up funding Wiltshire pupils	£3,821,959			
	Total funding	£7,921,959			
	% Uplift for Additional Grant		3.4%	269,347	
Downland	Number of places	95			
	Number of pupils	89			
	Place funding	£950,000			
	Top-up funding Wiltshire pupils	£1,170,421			
	Total funding	£2,120,421			
	% Uplift for Additional Grant		3.4%	72,094	
Exeter House	Number of places	170			
	Number of pupils	157			
	Place funding	£1,700,000			
	Top-up funding Wiltshire pupils	£2,168,586			
	Total funding	£3,868,586			
	% Uplift for Additional Grant		3.4%	131,532	
Springfield	Number of places	214			
	Number of pupils	214			
	Place funding	£2,140,000			
	Top-up funding Wiltshire pupils	£2,243,490			
	Total funding	£4,383,490			
	% Uplift for Additional Grant		3.4%	149,039	