



Schools Forum
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**Report from the Strategic Director
of Children and Young People**

Growth Funding for Schools– 2019/20

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	N/A
No. of Appendices:	1
Background Papers:	Prior Financial reports to Schools Forum.
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to explain and clarify the mechanisms for funding growth in schools in 2019/20.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. Schools Forum is asked to note this report.

3. Summary

3.1. In February 2018 Schools Forum approved a new methodology for funding growth in secondary schools, and voted to retain the existing funding methodology for growth in the primary sector.

3.2. The current Pupil Growth Fund Budget is £2m, and Rising Rolls Contingency is £1.13m.

4. Background

4.1. In the primary sector, pre-existing arrangements to fund growth are still in place, and any previous agreements on growth funding will be honoured. Other increases in pupil numbers during the year will be funded from the rising rolls contingency, providing the threshold of 1.75% year on year pupil growth has been met.

4.2. The following mechanism for funding growth in secondary schools, approved by schools forum, is now in place:

4.2.1. For secondary schools that expand in response to the basic need to accommodate pupils, by 30 places or more, a pupil number variation will be applied in the first year of growth, based on the number of planned places.

4.2.2. Increases in actual pupil numbers in subsequent years will then be funded by the rising rolls mechanism.

4.2.3. The threshold for triggering rising rolls will change from 1.75% to an absolute value of 15 pupils per secondary school.

5. Primary Growth

5.1. The 2018/19 schools budgets included pupil number variations to 9 expanding primary schools:

Table 1: Pupil Number Variations to 2018/19 Schools Funding Formula

School	Year Group to apply pupil number variation	Planned Growth In Class Numbers 2018/19	Planned Growth In Pupil Numbers 2018/19 (A)	AWPU (B)	Growth Funding 2018/19 (A x B x 7/12)
1	2	2	60	3,366	117,814
2	5	2	60	3,366	117,814
3	3,4	2	60	3,366	117,814
4	4	1	30	3,366	58,907
5	3	2	60	3,366	117,814
6	3	1	30	3,366	58,907
7	3	2	60	3,366	117,814
8	2	2	60	3,366	117,814
9	6	2	60	3,366	117,814

5.2. In order to honour previous agreements, growth in these schools will continue to be funded through pupil number variations to the funding formula, providing the schools have achieved the agreed levels of growth in the specified year groups.

5.3. Growth in 2019/20 has been estimated using October 2018 census data. For example, if School 5 increased by two classes in year 2 in 2018/19, it will be assumed that the school will increase by two classes in year 3 in 2019/20, and

will therefore continue to receive growth funding for these 60 pupils. For the purpose of these calculations, it is assumed that a class contains 30 pupils.

5.4. However, if School 2 actually only increased by one class in year 2 in 2018/19 (despite being funded for growth of 60 pupils), the pupil number variation will be for 30 pupils in 2019/20.

5.5. Appendix A illustrates the planned Pupil Number Variations to 2019/20 Schools Funding Formula. The number of primary schools supported to honour the pre-existing agreements is 8 in 2019/20 down from 9 in 2018/19. To avoid double funding these schools will not also receive a 'rising rolls' allocation.

6. Secondary Growth

6.1. Below is an illustrative example of a Secondary School which has been requested to expand by two forms of entry in September 2019. The school will receive a pupil number variation in the first year of growth, and will be funded for actual growth in subsequent years via rising rolls:

Table 1: Allocation in Year 1:

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Total
October 18 Census	180	180	180	180	180	900
Pupil number variation to 2019/20 budget	35					
Total funded pupils for 2019/20	215	180	180	180	180	935

60 pupils x 7/12 months

Table 2: Allocation in Year 2:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
October 2019 Census	235	180	180	180	180	955
Pupil number variation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funded via funding formula 2020/21 (A)	235	180	180	180	180	955

Actual growth in year 7 by 55 pupils

No pupil number variation - first year only

October 2020 Census	240	230	180	180	180	1010
Increase in pupil numbers between October 2019 and October 2020	5	50	0	0	0	55
Funded via rising rolls 2020/21 (B)	0	29	0	0	0	29

Funding in year 2 is for actual growth (50 pupils) not planned growth (60 pupils)

50 pupils x 7/12 months

Total funded pupils for 2020/21 (A + B)	235	209	180	180	180	984
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7. Financial Implications

7.1. The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

8. Legal Implications

8.1. There are no legal implications for this report.

9. Equality Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

11.1. Not applicable.

Report sign off:

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