

To all members of the Sunderland Schools Forum

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Date: 7th January 2025
Our TFC-SF/ZW

Dear Colleague,

SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Schools Forum, scheduled for **Thursday 16th January 2025 at 8.30 am**. The meeting will be held virtually, and a Teams appointment has been circulated.

AGENDA

25/01	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
25/02	Declarations of Interest	
25/03	Minutes of Previous Meeting School Forum meeting, held on 21 st November 2024 (attached)	
25/04	Matters Arising from the Minutes/Agreed Actions (Action Log attached)	
25/05	Feedback from Short Life Working Groups	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Quality Assurance Processes for Service Providers DBV Funding: Probity (update on working group arrangements) Transport Attendance/Elective Home Education 	KR/RL PR PR KR/RL KR/RL
25/06	Reports for Discussion and Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-Delegation of Trade Union Facility Time Voting: Maintained Primary Schools Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated Schools Grant and Projected Outturn 2024/25 Voting: N / A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Planning Framework 2025/26 Voting: 2 – Schools Block Funding Formula Voting: 4 – Early Years Funding Formula	JHo DO DO
25/07	Any Other Business	

25/08	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	13 th February 2025 at 8.30 am	

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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				<u>VOTING RIGHTS</u>				
SCHOOL MEMBERS				1	2	3	4	5
1.	Maintained Primary School Headteacher (Mandatory)			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Maintained Primary Schools South Headteacher	Catherine Jones – Headteacher	Thorney Close Primary School	No voting rights: the views of the individual Primary Headteacher Clusters Groups will be put forward by the Maintained Primary Schools representative. In the event of the Maintained Primary School Teacher absence a Deputy will be appointed to share the views of the individual Primary Headteacher Cluster Groups.				
	Maintained Primary Schools North Headteacher	Lisa Wood - Headteacher	Hylton Castle Primary School					
	Maintained Primary Schools Washington Headteacher	Sara Bainbridge - Headteacher	Barmston Village Primary School					
	Maintained Primary Schools Hetton/Houghton Headteacher	Nicola Hill - Headteacher	Hetton Primary					
2.	Maintained Special School Teacher (Mandatory)	James Waller – Headteacher: CHAIR	Sunningdale School	Y	Y		Y	Y
3.	Maintained Nursery Headteacher (Mandatory)	Ailsa Higgins - Headteacher	Hetton Lyons/ Usworth	Y	Y		Y	Y
4.	Maintained Pupil Referral Service Headteacher (Mandatory)	Donna Walker - Headteacher	Link School	Y	Y		Y	Y
5.	Maintained Faith School Headteacher/Representative	Anne Blakey-Headteacher	St Benet's RC Primary School	Y	Y		Y	Y
6.	Maintained Sector School Governor	Michael Hartnack - Governor	Grange Park Primary School	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Emma Jarvis – Headteacher (Hetton/Houghton)	Dubmire Primary		Y		Y	Y
8.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Audrey Bolam – Headteacher (Washington)	Oxclose Primary		Y		Y	Y
9.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	John Lines – Headteacher (Washington)	Columbia Academy		Y		Y	Y
10.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Lauren Reeves – COO (South)	Vision Learning Trust (Hillview)		Y		Y	Y
11.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Ruth Whiteside – Headteacher (South)	Barnes Primary Academy		Y		Y	Y
12.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Mandy Henderson - SBM	Ryhope Infant Academy		Y		Y	Y
13.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Vacant			Y		Y	Y
14.	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior	Vacant			Y		Y	Y
15.	Academy Secondary and All Through	David Amos	Academy 360		Y			Y
16.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Madeline Hope – Director of Finance	Bishop Chadwick Education Trust		Y			Y
17.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Dean Juric - Headteacher	St Roberts Academy		Y			Y
18.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Andrew Carr – Director of Finance	Biddick Academy		Y			Y
19.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Joanne Maw – Chief Executive officer	Aspire Learning Trust		Y			Y
20.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Phil Smith – Chief Finance Officer	Castleview Academy		Y			Y
21.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Vicki Pinkney - Headteacher	Hetton Academy		Y			Y
22.	Academy Secondary and All Through	Colin Devlin – VICE CHAIR	Kepier Academy		Y			Y
23.	Academy Special (Mandatory)	Mick Little – Chief Operations Manager	Ascent		Y			Y

NON SCHOOL MEMBERS								
24.	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurseries	David Martin	Chilton Moor Nursery		**		Y	Y
25.	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurseries	Michelle Barr, Nursery owner and Manger	Buttons Nursery Washington		**		Y	Y
26.	Post 16 Provision	Vikki Morton	Sunderland College					Y
27.	Teacher Associations	Andy Lewis						Y
28.	Roman Catholic Diocese	Vacant						Y
29.	Church of England Diocese	David Airey - Headteacher	Venerable Bede CE Academy					Y

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN OFFICERS & COUNCILLORS								
	Head of Accounting and Finance	Deborah Orr						
	Director of Education	Kim Richardson						
	Strategic Service Lead – Education	Ronnie Lynn						
	Lead Member Children’s Services	Cllr M Butler						
	Lead Member Children’s Services Deputy – No longer applicable							

MEMBERSHIP VOTING RIGHTS		
1	Scheme for Financing Schools (Maintained)	
2	Schools Block Funding Formula	
3.	De-delegation maintained schools	
4.	Early Years Single Funding Formula	
5.	All other School Forum Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Central expenditure relating to schools block b. Deficits on central expenditure to be funded from following year’s DSG. c. Voting procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-delegation maintained secondary removed as no longer pertinent 		
** PVI representatives can vote on the consultation on the funding formula only.		

SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday 21st November 2024 at 8.30 am

School Forum Member Attendance

Voting

James Waller (JW) - Chair	Maintained Special School
David Amos (DAm)	Academy Secondary and all Through
David Airey (DAi)	Church of England Diocese
Michelle Barr (MB)	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurseries
Ann Blakey (ABl)	Maintained Faith School Representative
Colin Devlin	Academy Secondary and All Through
Michael Hartnack (MH)	Maintained Primary – Governor
Mandy Henderson (MHe)	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior
Ailsa Higgins (AH)	Maintained Nursery
Madeline Hope (MHo)	Academy Secondary and All Through
Emma Jarvis (EJ)	Academy Primary, Infants and Junior
Catherine Jones (CJ)	Maintained Primary School
Andy Lewis (AL)	Teacher Association
Michael Little (ML)	Academy Special
David Martyn (DM)	Private, Voluntary & Independent Nurseries
Joanne Maw (JM)	Academy Secondary and All Through
Vicky Pinkney (VP)	Academy Secondary and All Through
Lauren Reeves (LR)	Academy Primary, Infant and Junior
Phil Smith	Academy Secondary and All Through
Donna Walker (DW)	Maintained Pupil Referral Services

Non-Voting

Sara Bainbridge (SB)	Maintained Primary School
Lisa Wood (LW)	Maintained Primary School

Together for Children Officers and Councillors

Richard Cullen (RC)	TfC Strategic Lead – School Improvement and Early Years
Debra Dixon (DD)	TfC Team Manager, Management Accounting Team
John Hope (JH)	TfC Technical Accountant Education Funding
Deborah Orr (DO)	TfC Head of Accounting and Finance
Emma Leech (EL)	TfC Finance Business Partner
Leigh Morris (LM)	TfC Team Manager, School Finance
Emma Nolan (EN)	TfC Finance Business Partner
Kimberley Richardson (KR)	TfC Strategic Service Manager
Pamela Robertson (PR)	TfC Strategic SEND Lead
Gemma Slater (GS)	TfC Trainee Accounting Technician
Jill Wilson (JWi)	TfC Finance Business Partner
Zena Wilkinson	Schools Forum Clerk

School Forum Non-Member Attendance

Sarah Chapman (SC)	Balmoral Learning Trust
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		Agreed Action
24/62	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that apologies for absence had been submitted by Mrs Bolam, Cllr Butler, Mr Juric, Mr Lines and Mr Marshall.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed to business.</p>	
24/63	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>MH advised that as an elected Councillor he would declare declarations throughout the meeting, if appropriate.</p> <p>SSF members NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no declarations of interest in relation to the business to be considered. - Declarations could be made throughout the meeting, if appropriate. 	
24/64	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>SSF members RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To accept the minutes of the Sunderland Schools Forum (SSF) held 17th October 2024 as a true record. 	
24/65	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes/Agreed Actions</u></p> <p>Matters Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>Members confirmed they had received a copy of the Action Log prior to the meeting.</p> <p>24/59 Reports for Discussion Completed – future commissioning reports would detail the age range of pupils for individual provisions.</p> <p>24/61 Any Other Business Completed – reports to be presented within this meeting.</p> <p>Mr Hartnack noted that there was an action identified in July 2024 for an invitation to be extended to Mr Paul Wilson, Section 151 Officer, to attend a SSF meeting and questioned when this invitation would be extended. KR agreed to take this action forward.</p>	KR
24/66	<p><u>Feedback from Short Life Working Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion Forum <p>KR advised that these forums were held termly and the next meeting was scheduled to be held January/February 2025. KR advised that following discussion an item of business which</p>	

would be considered within the meeting was the SHINE Project, which linked into Together for Children's (TfC's) inclusion strategy in terms of attendance and suspensions and permanent exclusions.

JW questioned if it would be possible for the forum to consider severe learning disabilities (SLDs) within Sunderland. KR confirmed this was possible, explaining that the Inclusion Forum was an open meeting and she was happy for any business to be considered which related to identified issues.

- Pupil Numbers (update on working group)

KR advised that this agenda item should have been removed as Mr Rowan had provided detailed information at the last SSF meeting.

- Quality Assurance Process for Service Provides
- DBV Funding: Probity (update on working group arrangements)

PR advised SSF members that she would be requesting an invitation to attend Headteacher Cluster meetings to provide an update on the Quality Assurance workstream and to request support in terms of the next phase of the DBV workstream.

PR stated that TfC had completed the purchase of the Invision Quality Assurance software and would be implementing the Invision Quality Assurance Tool.

PR informed SSF members that TfC had worked closely with the Integrated Care Board (ICB), in line with work being undertaken looking at the quality of advice provided in terms of health practitioners and how this fed into the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) process.

- Transport

KR explained that TfC was currently on a journey to improve and develop transport service offers and reduce expenditure, exemplifying that the travel training programme was being extended and an on-going programme was being developed. KR shared that this process was impacted at the current time due to staff vacancies.

KR advised SSF members that a parent/carer consultation process was being undertaken to address issues in relation to Post16 transport, as the current arrangements were not working as well as hoped. KR explained that some local authorities had removed Post16 transport provisions, as this was not a statutory requirement, but TfC were not considering this option and were looking at reviewing the service provision, exemplifying that this included varying the current schedule of trips and collection/drop off arrangements.

KR shared that TfC had purchased 2 mini buses and were working with organisations to implement lease arrangements.

	<p>KR explained that the leases would not have any costs attached but they would be taken forward on the premise the organisation would be able to do special educational needs (SEN) transport runs. KR explained that the mini buses were covered in the Sunderland City Council (SCC) and TfC liveries and at the current time one mini bus was being leased to Portland Academy and TfC were in discussions with another organisation/provider.</p> <p>KR informed SSF members that SCC had confirmed that they would fund a further 2 disabled access mini buses.</p> <p>MH advised SSF members that he and ML had been involved in the transport initiative to reduce costs but had noted from information received that overall expenditure appeared to have increased over the last 2 months and questioned the reason for this. KR explained that this was due to a number of factors, highlighting that the overall number of EHCPs had increased, which affected transport needs, and an increase in out of area placements, because of capacity issues within the local area.</p> <p>KR explained that Mr Tomlin (SEND Transport Lead) managed transport routes and a third of these were covered via a tender process, and the tenders were becoming more costly. KR provided assurance that TfC were considering all options available to reduce transport costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance/Elective Home Education (EHE) <p>KR advised that by the end of December 2024 the additional posts SSF members had agreed to fund should be in place. KR explained that the EHE Co-Ordinator was already in post and had already made great strides in some areas, exemplifying Early Years. KR explained that the EHE Advisor was due to commence in December 2024, explaining that their role would be to assess the quality of EHE plans submitted and provide advice to parents. KR shared that the third team member would provide administration support.</p> <p>KR informed SSF members that there were currently 479 pupils being EHE'd, highlighting that the task set was substantial.</p>	
24/67	<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>SSF Members noted there were no presentations to be presented within the meeting.</p>	
24/68	<p><u>Reports for Discussion and Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Health Care Plans Top Up Banding Proposals Review <p>SSF Members confirmed they had received a copy of the following report prior to the meeting for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EHCP Top Ups and Application of 1.9% 	

PR advised SSF members that the report had been presented following a request submitted at the last SSF meeting. PR explained that the purpose of the report was to request SSF members to consider a proposal to apply the 1.9% increase in top ups to EHCPs within special school, which had been costed outside of the agreed banding structure, to provide parity with the uplift awarded to the banding rate agreed by the SSF in July 2024. PR explained that in July 2024 SSF Members had agreed Proposal 5 put forward (to increase all top up banding rates by 1.9% in line with average overall budget increases to mainstream schools from April 2024, and also increase commission place funding for all special school places by 1.9% (£191 per place), at an estimated cost to the High Needs Block (HNB) of £547,384 for the financial year 2024/25 (assuming a 15% increase in EHCP numbers).

PR advised SSF members that the new proposal would impact on 98 EHCPs and the projected financial implication was £22,109.19. PR highlighted that if the number of EHCPs increased the financial costs would increase but stated that this was not expected to exceed £30,000 by the end of the financial year.

PR stated that the proposal was for the same approach to be applied within future proposals, in terms of the increase to special schools funding rates, however, consideration could be given to revising the special school banding rates to eliminate the issue of EHCP's falling outside of tolerance levels.

DW advised that feedback from the Secondary Headteacher Forum including the following:

- Current EHCPs should identify strategies to meet underlying needs and top ups should be costed in line with this, to ensure deliverability.

PR provided assurance that the strategies detailed within the EHCP were based on professional advice (for example Speech and Language Therapy etc) but highlighted that the majority of strategies were from schools.

JW acknowledged that this may be a general comment raised.

ML thanked PR for the update provided, sharing that in terms of the proposals put forward special schools would receive the additional funding, if agreed, at the end of the financial year. ML stated that from an administration viewpoint he believed this would be better paid immediately, rather than causing additional work at the end of the financial year. PR stated that she had no objections to implementing this arrangement, explaining that she just wanted to ensure the full expenditure was being captured at the end of the financial year. JW stated that from his perspective all children should be treated the same, highlighting that where specific funding was identified this was usually to meet the needs of a child with complex needs.

Following a vote SSF Members RESOLVED:

- To agree the proposed additional uplift, of 1.9%, to the top ups to EHPCs within special schools, which had been costed outside the agreed banding structure.
- Budget Planning Framework 2025/26

Schools and High Needs Funding Reform November 2024

SSF Members confirmed they had received a copy of the following report prior to the meeting for consideration:

- Budget Planning Framework 2025/26

JH explained that the purpose of the report was to update SSF members on the changes to the Schools Funding Formula for 2025/26 and the De-delegation of Trade Union Facility Time.

Schools and High Need Funding Reform November 2024

JH explained that under normal circumstances the DfE published provisional National Funding Formula (NFF) allocations in July, at local authority level, for Schools, High Needs and Central School Service funding blocks: this had been delayed and the initial summary policy document was only issued on 3rd October 2024 (regarding the unchanged structure of the formula) and further funding information at a national level, along with funding factor value increases, was only available from 6th November 2024. JH reported that no final funding information, at a local authority level, had been received to date.

JH highlighted the following from his report:

- The Government had announced an extra £2.3 billion for mainstream schools and high needs for 2025/26, bringing the total core school funding to nearly £63.9 billion.
- Of the £2.3 billion increase in total schools funding almost £1 billion would be added to the overall high needs budget, bringing the total level of high needs funding in 2025/26 to £11.9 billion. This represented an increase to high needs funding of over 9%, compared to the 2024/25 baseline.

JH explained that from the £1 billion added to the High Needs Budget, £480 million would be set aside for allocation through the 2025/26 Core School Budgets Grant (CSBG) for special schools and alternative provisions, which would combine the high needs elements of the 2024/25 Teachers' Pay Grant (TPAG) and Teacher's Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG)

JH stated that there was a need to bear in mind the remaining £1.3 million would cover the full costs of the 2024 Teacher's pay award in mainstream schools (so the full 12 months of the salary costs were fully funded at a national level); fund an increase to the mainstream schools NFF; increases to the Pupil Premium (although this increase was unknown at the current time) and other core funding elements.

JH explained that overall funding, through the mainstream schools NFF was stated as being '0% cash flat' after taking into account the grants which had been added to the formula. However, there were some indications that there were marginal increases to the factor values which may amount to an approximate average increase of 0.5%. JH explained that this was detailed further in Appendix B.

JH stated that local authorities would be required to move their local formula factor values to be, at least, 10% closer to the NFF factor value, except where local formulae were already 'mirroring' the NFF (for example where the local formula factor was within +/- 2.5% of the NFF factor value). SSF members were advised that Sunderland's factors were within the allowed parameters.

JH advised SSF members that when setting their local formulae local authorities must set the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) between -0.5% and 0% (this may be used if the formula is not affordable). JH highlighted that the MFG was the pupil-led funding per pupil, compared with the values in 2024/25. JH informed SSF members that an MFG set at 0% ensured that pupil-led funding received per pupil would be, at least, in line with the pupil-led funding per pupil in 2024/25 and Sunderland's MFG was set at +0.5%. JH explained that the MFG was used to protect schools who had a significant dip in, say, Free School Meals (FSM) pupils and other NFF funding factors but did not protect schools against a dip in pupil numbers.

JH reported that he expected final guidance to be received late November/December 2024 but the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) submission date had not been changed, from 22nd January 2025.

JH summarised that the proposals within the report were to either:

- To transfer 0.5% from the SB to support the HNB (which equated to an estimated £1.2 million).
- To transfer £1 million from the SB to support the HNB.
- To transfer nothing from the SB to support the HNB.

DW advised that the following feedback was given at the Secondary Headteacher Forum, but acknowledged some of the questions had already been addressed within JH's presentation:

- There was an additional funding commitment and it was felt these should be explored first before any proposal to transfer funding to the HNB. Headteacher's had acknowledged that the exact additional funding may not be known until December 2024 and the APT submission was required in January 2025.

JH stated that all local authorities were in the same position in relation to receiving funding verification.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a 0.5% transfer from SB to HNB was agreed would this be sufficient to cover the projected deficit and could this figure be revised at a later date (for example could schools receive a refund). <p>JH shared that the proposal would reduce the shortfall to £6 million and he did not believe local authorities would receive significant income to meet HNB needs. JH explained that based on this he did not believe there would be revised figures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Headteacher colleagues had requested detail of the plans to reduce the deficit moving forward. <p>JH confirmed that there was a Deficit Management Plan in place, which was in line with the DfE submission.</p> <p>JH highlighted that PR had undertaken a lot of work, in line with Delivering Better Values (DBV), looking to mitigate pressures on the HNB.</p> <p>DW queried if the plan could be shared with Headteacher, explaining that colleagues had acknowledged the necessity to transfer funding to the HNB but the impact on schools, especially larger establishments, was significant.</p> <p>PR stated that this linked to discussions she would like to hold at Headteacher Cluster meetings but stated that the DBV initiative would not solve the HNB deficit and she believed the best Sunderland could hope for was to have an in year balanced budget. PR explained that whilst facing increasing EHCPs TfC were just trying to “turn the tide”.</p> <p>CJ stated that Primary Headteachers had held positive discussions in relation to the proposal, explaining that over the last year they had seen the growth in available provisions. CJ shared that Primary Headteachers had felt that potential proposals were being “kept secret” and had queried if a timeline for proposals could be drafted. PR shared that she would be happy to draft this but there would be a note of caution because they would only be tentative plans and would need to go through Cabinet, explaining that at the current time information was usually shared as soon as proposals were agreed by Cabinet. PR agreed to provide updates at the Headteacher Cluster Meetings.</p> <p>CD stated that trusts/schools were currently encountering financial pressures and he believed there was a need to know the rationale behind the fact some schools did not contribute to the SB to HNB transfer costs and clear information on how the deficit would be cleared, of if this would continue going forward. CD explained that he believed when the transfer was initially proposed it was supposed to be a short term measure and he felt Headteacher’s needed clarity, and assurance, that there would be no attempts to increase the transfer level. CD also advised that some schools/trusts needed a longer period of time to consider information and it would be beneficial if future</p>	<p>PR</p>
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<p>proposals could be flagged, prior to the end of November 2024, to highlight the potential need to go their individual processes.</p> <p>JH acknowledged that some schools were not required to contributed to the transfer costs and presented the calculation rationale for this. JH agreed to circulate the calculation document for SSF members information.</p> <p>CD stated that he felt it was unfortunate that those schools/trusts with high levels of deprivation and need tended to be within the cohort which contributed to the transfer costs. JH provided assurance that the fact not all schools contributed to the transfer costs had been raised and considered in detail.</p> <p>JH highlighted that one of the proposal outcomes was a zero transfer from the SB to the HNB.</p> <p>JH advised SSF members that the HNB deficit was held within the Local Authority reserves but there was a National Audit Officer (NAO) Override in April 2026 and local authorities would be held responsible for this deficit, so there was a need to consider actions to be taken.</p> <p>JH agreed to try to circulate information to schools/trust as early as possible to enable appropriate consideration to be given.</p> <p>PS acknowledged the 0.5% transfer proposal had been implemented for a number of years but he had believed this process was to reduce the deficit, without negatively impacting on service provisions, which he felt was beneficial to all schools/trusts. PS stated that from information presented this was not the cause. JH stated that there was a reduced shortfall for the current year, explaining that the projected £6 million deficit would have been £7 million in 2024/2025.</p> <p>PS stated that he was aware some local authorities had received additional funding to help with their deficits and questioned if there was a potential this would happen in Sunderland. JH explained that the main reason this had not happened within Sunderland was because their deficit was relatively small in comparison to other local authorities. JH acknowledged that the additional funding allocated appeared to be advantageous to those local authorities who had accumulated large deficits.</p> <p>KR agreed that the proposal appeared to be almost stemming the flow but assured SSF members that there was a consistent and systemic approach to meet the City's needs and without the additional funding this would be harder.</p> <p>KR explained that that there was an overarching inclusion agenda in terms of the DBV work being undertaken, with more internal provision models and alternative options being considered, to stem the flow of expenditure levels but TfC could not limit the number of EHCPs coming through.</p> <p>PR advised SSF members that those local authorities who had received additional funding, against their deficit, had been placed</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
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under a process called a "Safety Valve", which included extremely robust and rigid overview from the DfE. PR stated that she had been informed, clearly, within the DBV monitoring visits (by the DfE representatives) that there would be no further additional funding allocated to meet deficits.

JW stated that he believed a theme arising was the fact that schools/trusts may be consistently asked to support the HNB but more clarity was requested in terms of the mechanisms being implemented to reduce the deficit and an overall overview of future strategy proposals in terms of provisions.

Following a vote SSF Members RESOLVED:

- To agree the proposed 0.5% transfer from the SB to the HNB in 2025/26.

De-Delegation of Trade Union Facility Time

JH advised that the second proposal within the report circulated covered the requirement to consult primary and secondary maintained school representatives regarding the de-delegation of centrally held budgets. JH explained that the de-delegation only applied to maintained primary schools (as all secondary school had now converted to academy status), explaining that academies, free schools, special schools, pupil referral units and nurseries could not de-delegate, however they could choose to purchase the same de-delegated services on a traded arrangement.

JH explained that the cost of the de-delegation proposals to maintained schools was £3.50 per pupil, explaining that this was the rate that was historically subsidised.

CJ advised that this had been discussed within the Primary Headteacher Cluster meetings and a decision could not be made as there had been an equal split in terms of the decisions taken. CJ requested that this item of business was deferred until January 2025.

MH stated that he was not against the proposal but questioned how the rate of £3.50 per pupil had been identified, as this appeared much higher compared to other local authorities. MH acknowledged that the overall cost may only equate to £1,000 per school. JH stated that he would need to investigate this further but he believed this was the set amount needed in terms of pupil numbers.

JH

AL explained that the purpose of the proposal was to provide a faculty fund to cover trade union representatives substantive roles, to enable them to provide advice/guidance and attend meetings in a timely manner, during the working day. AL stated that without this funding Trade Union representation would only be available outside of working hours. AL highlighted that the de-delegation covered all trade union representations, for example ASCAL, GMB and Unison. AL stated that he believed the costs implemented were very cost effective.

	<p>JW stated that it may be beneficial for the Chairs of Primary Headteacher Forums to extend an invitation to AL to attend one of their meetings, so he could explain the rationale behind the proposal directly. AL and the Clerk agreed to take this suggestion forward and agreed to liaise with the individual Chairs.</p> <p>LM advised that if the de-delegation proposal was rejected all schools would need to be asked if they would take forward a service level agreement to cover costs incurred to provide trade union representation during working hours. LM re-iterated that this proposal was for maintained primary schools only to consider.</p> <p>CJ queried the potential service level agreement costs and trade union costs. AL advised that trade unions charged £119 to provide support for half a day (examplng the support included pre meetings and attendance at meetings) and a full day cost would be £235. JH agreed to present detailed costing for trade union provision at the next meeting.</p> <p>SSF Members RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To defer this item of business until January 2025. 	<p>AL/Clerk</p> <p>JH</p>
24/69	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>SSF Members NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no further items of business to be considered within the meeting. 	
24/70	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 16th January 2025 8.30 am Venue: Meeting to be held virtually</p>	

Schools Forum Action Log

Date of Meeting	Agenda No	Request	Action	Responsible	Date of Completion	Remarks
20-Oct-23	23/63	Reports for Discussion and Decision	Updated reports to be presented to the SF meetings in January and March 2024 detailing the DSG Projected Outturn positions.	SR	Jan-24 and Mar-24	Ongoing - Standard Agenda Item
04-Jul-24	24/37	Feedback from Short Life Working Groups	Consilium Evolve findings following their project to ascertain whether there were any links to attendance and suspensions with sound and hearing abilities to be shared with Forum members	KR	Oct-24	
04/07/2024	24/39	Reports for Discussion and Decision	School Funding Reform report to be tabled, when information becomes available.	DO		
21/11/2024	24/65	Reports for Discussion and Decision	SM to extend an invitation to Mr P S Wilson, Section 151 Officer, or his representative, to attend a future SF meeting.	KR		
21/11/2024	24/68	Reports for Discussion and Decision	PR to provide details of future provision proposals at Headteacher Cluster meetings.	PR		SHT meeting invite scheduled and PHT Chairs contacted 22/11/24
21/11/2024	24/68	Reports for Discussion and Decision	JH to circulate a copy of the calculation document which detailed the calculation to identify which schools/trusts would contribute to the SB to HNB transfer.	JH		
21/11/2024	24/69	Reports for Discussion and Decision	JH to consider processes available to advise schools/trusts of budgetary proposals which will be considered within SSF forums.	JH		
21/11/2024	24/69	Reports for Discussion and Decision	JH to investigate the rationale behind the de-delegation set cost of £3.50 per pupil.	JH		
21/11/2024	24/69	Reports for Discussion and Decision	Arrangements to be implemented to enable AL to attend Primary Headteacher Cluster meetings/liaise with the Chairs of the individual clusters.	AL/ZW		
21/11/2024	24/69	Reports for Discussion and Decision	JH to revise the Trade Union De-Delegation proposal to include financial costings.	JH		

REPORT TO SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS FORUM

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCOUNTING & FINANCE AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

16 January 2025

Dedicated Schools Grant Update and Projected Outturn 2024/25

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Schools Forum with a projected outturn position for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2024/25 based on extant activity and funding information.
- 1.2 Section 2 of the report sets out the quantitative issues affecting the DSG and Section 3 covers some of the qualitative aspects.

2. Dedicated Schools Grant Projected Outturn 2024/25

- 2.1 The 2024/25 DSG in year forecast outturn position is a projected deficit of £6,956,099 as at January 2025. This is an increase in deficit of £999,621 compared to deficit reported at September 2024 Schools Forum. The previously reported DSG deficit reserve balance brought forward as of 31 March 2024 is £9,088,514, therefore the overall DSG deficit reserve as at 31 March 2025 is projected to increase to £16,044,613. Details of the 2024/25 in-year projected overspend are provided in the table and paragraphs below:

2024/25 DSG Budget (After Recoupment)	Revised DSG Budget as at Jan 2025 £	Projected Outturn £	Total (Over) / Underspend £
Schools Block	45,340,209	44,287,078	1,053,131
Central School Services Block	1,513,177	1,424,249	88,928
Early Years Block	30,009,075	29,871,758	137,317
High Needs Block	34,515,181	42,750,656	(8,235,475)
TOTAL DSG	111,377,642	118,333,741	(6,956,099)

Schools Block and Central School Services Block (CSSB)

- 2.2 The Schools' Block is currently projected to be £1,053,131 underspent at the end of the current financial year due to projected underspends in Growth funding of £866,685 and Academy Rates savings following conversion of £186,446.

- 2.3 The Central School Services Block (CSSB) is projecting an overall underspend of £88,928 of which £80,282 relates to the Historic School Redundancy budget. It is currently anticipated this budget will not be spent in 2024/25 as any School/DSG Redundancies will be funded from the Schools Redundancy Reserve or by the schools themselves. The Admissions Team and Schools Forum budgets are projecting to underspend by £8,646, as a result of staffing slippage.

Early Years Block

- 2.4 At this stage the Early Years Block projection is based on the 2024/25 budget position, with the exception of a staffing underspend in the Early Years Team of £137,717. Funding for the new working parent 2 year old entitlement along with Under 2s funding from September will be based on actual termly headcount data rather than January census which the other entitlements are funded on. It is anticipated a more accurate projected outturn for Early Years will be provided later in the year.

High Needs Block

- 2.5 The volatility, uncertainty, and unknown variables in the High Needs Block (HNB) continue to make budget monitoring and forecasting the outturn position extremely challenging.
- 2.6 As of 11 January 2025, the projected HNB in-year outturn position for 2024/25 is an overspend of £8,235,475. The deficit has increased by £1,237,597 since it was last reported in September 2024. Main increases in projected spend are £177,574 increase to top up costs due to increase in number of EHCPs and £379,000 as a result of opening a new Alternative Provision at East Boldon Riding Centre to accommodate the increase in number of permanently excluded pupils. It should be noted, however, by commissioning these additional places there is a cost saving to the High Needs Block by avoiding the alternative significantly higher daily cost of current providers. Other increases include £767,100 in the cost of Non Maintained/Independent schools top up fees, mitigated by a slight underspend in Central Teams of £86,077 due to staff slippage.
- 2.7 The HNB forecast overspend is analysed in the table below:

High Needs Block	2024/25 Budget £	2024/25 Projected Outturn £	Variance £
Commissioned Places - Special	3,321,232	3,445,780	(124,548)
Commissioned Places - AP/Returners/Young Mums	2,380,000	2,704,359	(324,359)
Commissioned Places - Resource Provisions	484,833	625,708	(140,875)
Pay and Pensions Grant	855,184	886,600	(31,416)
Top ups	15,690,000	20,955,889	(5,265,889)
Top ups - Post 16	1,800,000	1,800,000	0
Virtual School	415,475	340,450	75,025
Residential – Non-Maintained Independent	6,010,936	8,591,342	(2,580,406)
Retained HNB	3,557,521	3,400,528	156,993
Total HNB - Together for Children	34,515,181	42,750,656	(8,235,475)

DSG Reserves

- 2.8 The previously reported DSG deficit reserve balance brought forward as of 31 March 2024 is £9,088,514. The projected in-year outturn position for 2024/25 is £6,956,099 overspend, therefore the overall projected deficit on the DSG Reserve as of 31 March 2025 is estimated to be £16,044,613.
- 2.9 Appendix A provides a summary position of the 2024/25 budget and projected outturn.

3. High Needs Block Pressures

3.1 High Needs Block pressures 2024/25:

- Increase in number of Needs Assessments and EHCP plans issued.
- Increase in complexity of need in respect of Autism and SEMH.
- Increase in number of Permanently excluded pupils in schools.
- Total number of EHCP as of September 2022 was 2,393 increasing by 320 to a total of 2,713 as at September 2023. This has further increased by 254 to a total of 2,967 EHCPs as at September 2024. As at end of December 2024 total EHCP pupils is 3,020, which is an increase of 53 in 3 months.
- Commissioned places: there is an overall increase of 104 places from 1,883 in September 2023 to 1,987 in September 2024 required in special schools and Resourced Provisions. A detailed report on Commissioned place numbers for the 2025/26 academic year was shared with Schools Forum at the October 2024 meeting.
- NMIS: increased charges for inflation plus increase in pupil numbers placed.
- Current projections for 2024/25 for top up fees are based on the current EHCP numbers as at January 2025.
- Uncertainty of future Health funding for EHCPs.
- Retained staff pay awards.

3.2 SEND DBV Planned Mitigations

- Opening 2 new Mainstream 16 place School Resourced provisions from September 2024 and the expansion of existing Mainstream Resourced Provisions.
- Increase in number of Commissioned places in Mainstream Special Schools from September 2024.
- Supporting the goals and aspirations of the child in a Mainstream setting rather than Special Schools and Non Maintained Independent schools.
- Supporting the goals and aspirations of the child can be achieved without the need for an EHCP in Post 16.

4. **Recommendations**

4.1 The Schools Forum is invited to:

- i. Note the contents of the report;
- ii. Seek updates on the 2024/25 projected outturn position at the March 2025 School Forum meeting.

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2024/25 DSG Funding as at January 2025

APPENDIX A

	Schools Block	Central School Services Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Total 2024/25 BUDGET		
	£		£	£	£		
Funding Settlement 2024/25 (includes Pay & Pensions)	217,622,479	1,495,738	44,534,251	30,445,491	294,097,959		
Rates Deduction	(1,821,205)		0		(1,821,205)		
Central Teachers & AP provision Pay/Pension Grant			181,759		181,759		
Additional HNB Funding NEW 23/24					0		
Less import/Export adj for High Needs block			(408,000)		(408,000)		
Free Special Schools funding			1,002,000	0	1,002,000		
Total DSG (Before High Need Deductions)	215,801,274	1,495,738	45,310,010	30,445,491	293,052,513		
Less Academy Recoupment high Needs places			(11,873,835)		(11,873,835)		
Early Years Adjustment 24/25				(75,456)	(75,456)		
Early Years 2 Year old pupil No adj Nov 24				(360,960)	(360,960)		
Increase in CSSB Unit of funding		17,439			17,439		
	215,801,274	1,513,177	33,436,175	30,009,075	280,759,701		
Transfer from Schools Block to High Needs block	(1,079,006)		1,079,006		0		
Total Adjusted DSG (Before Academy Recoupment)	214,722,268	1,513,177	34,515,181	30,009,075	280,759,701		
Academy Recoupment	(169,382,059)				(169,382,059)		
Total DSG & YPLA After Schools recoupment	45,340,209	1,513,177	34,515,181	30,009,075	111,377,642		
Local Authority					Total Budget	Projected Spend	(Over)/ Underspend
Schools Block Breakdown							
Maintained Schools Budgets - Primary	43,942,516				43,942,516	43,942,516	0
Maintained Schools Budgets - Secondary	0				0	0	0
NEW Delegation Union Facility	26,932				26,932	26,932	0
Academy Recoupment Rates Saving	186,425				186,425	(20)	186,445
ESG Transfer into DSG - Retained functions		583,000			583,000	583,000	0
Admissions Team		15,000			15,000	15,000	0
Termination Of Employment Costs		80,282			80,282	0	80,282
Growth Fund	1,184,335				1,184,335	317,650	866,685
Copyright Licencing		273,499			273,499	273,499	0
Total DSG - Local Authority	45,340,208	951,781	0	0	46,291,989	45,158,577	1,133,412
Together for Children							
CSSB Retained including Schools Forum & NMIS Fees No EHCP		346,820			346,820	345,868	952
SACRE		13,000			13,000	13,000	0
Teachers Pensions Grant-Retained Teachers		48,576			48,576	48,576	0
Admissions Team		153,000			153,000	145,306	7,694
Commissioned Places - Special			3,321,232		3,321,232	3,445,780	(124,548)
Commissioned Places - Link School & Alternative Provisions			2,380,000		2,380,000	2,704,359	(324,359)
Commissioned Places - Resource Provisions			484,833		484,833	625,708	(140,875)
Teachers Pay & Pensions Grant £660 per place			855,184		855,184	886,600	(31,416)
Top Ups			15,690,000		15,690,000	20,955,889	(5,265,889)
Top Ups - Post 16			1,800,000		1,800,000	1,800,000	0
Virtual School			415,475		415,475	340,450	75,025
Residential - Non Maintained Independent			6,010,936		6,010,936	8,591,342	(2,580,406)
Retained HNB			3,557,521		3,557,521	3,400,529	156,992
3&4 Year old				10,137,049	10,137,049	10,137,048	1
Additional hours 3 & 4 year olds				5,110,554	5,110,554	5,110,554	0
Pupil Premium 2, 3 & 4 year olds				526,506	526,506	526,506	0
Additional Nursery funding				1,322,400	1,322,400	1,322,400	0
Retained by LA 5%				800,000	800,000	662,683	137,317
2 year olds				3,523,019	3,523,019	3,523,019	0
2 Year old working parents entitlement NEW 24/25				4,012,463	4,012,463	4,012,463	0
Under 2 Entitlement NEW 24/25				3,553,125	3,553,125	3,553,125	0
SEN inclusion				700,000	700,000	700,000	0
Disability allow				323,960	323,960	323,960	0
Total High Needs Block	0	561,396	34,515,181	30,009,076	65,085,653	73,175,164	(8,089,511)
Total Adjusted DSG	45,340,208	1,513,177	34,515,181	30,009,076	111,377,642	118,333,741	(6,956,099)
					DSG Deficit Reserve Balance 31/3/24		(9,070,410)
					Early Years 2023/24 Pupil No Adj to Reserve Balance		(18,104)
					Projected DSG Deficit Reserve Balance 31/3/25		(16,044,613)

BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2025/26

REPORT OF TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN FINANCE TEAM

16 January 2025

Purpose of the Report

To update Schools Forum on the final Schools Funding Formula and Early Years Formula for 2025/26 and the de-delegation of Trade Union Facility time.

Schools Block – School Funding Formula 2025/26

- 1.1 Local budget flexibility arrangements associated with the Schools Block ring-fence continue into 2025/26 and these allow for the Schools' Forum to agree a transfer up to 0.5% of their Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block (HNB). Sunderland School's Forum confirmed agreement to the transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the HNB for 2025/26 at the meeting on 21 November 2024. This is in recognition of the ongoing demand on the HNB due to increasing numbers of pupils receiving an Education, Health and Care Plan and the movement of pupils to specialist settings including permanent exclusions, the increase in complexity of need in respect of Autism and SEMH, the increase in number post 16 commissioned places and top-ups and the increased cost of placements in non-maintained independent Special Schools.
- 1.2 Restrictions continue to be in place in the formula where Local Authorities must move their factor values 10% closer to the NFF values compared to the previous year. Sunderland's factor values, in 2024/25, were at full NFF (exact values) apart from the Basic Entitlement factor (AWPU) which was used in 2024/25 to transfer the 0.5% to the HNB. Schools Forum should note that even though the AWPU factor has been reduced, it is still within the 2.5% parameter, therefore considered to be at full NFF factor values.
- 1.3 The AWPU factor is considered the only factor that can be adjusted in 2025/26 to allow for the transfer of £1.16m, as with previous years, due to formula restrictions outlined above.
- 1.4 The provisional Authority Proforma Tool (APT) was not released in the Autumn along with provisional funding allocations, which is normally used for modelling purposes. This was due to the change in Government and the Autumn 2024 Spending review.

Funding Announcement

- 1.5 The Schools, High Needs, Central Services and Early Years Funding announcement on 18 December 2024 confirmed the following information compared with the previous year.

	2024/25	18-Dec Settlement 2025/26	Change in Funding
	£m	£m	£m
Schools Block	215.80	231.24	15.44
High Needs	33.59	37.34	3.75
Central Services	1.50	1.55	0.05
Early Years	20.57	40.02	19.45
Total	271.46	310.15	38.69

The figures above are after deductions for NNDR and direct funding of HN places by ESFA.

- 1.6 Funding provided to mainstream schools through the Teachers' Pay Additional Grant (TPAG), the Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) 2024 and the Core Schools Budget Grant (CSBG) has been rolled into the schools NFF for 2025/26. This makes up the majority of the £15m increase as shown in the table above. The additional increase to the factor values amounts to approximately £1.3m, which is the true increase in funding after taking into account those grants which Schools were already receiving outside of the NFF. It should be noted that pupil numbers have reduced by 277 from 2024/25 to 2025/26. The average increase per pupil is c1%.
- 1.7 The increase in Early Years Funding reflects the increase in funding rates for all entitlements along with the introduction of 30 hours entitlement from September 2025 for working parents (2 year old working parents and 9 months to 2 year old working parents).
- 1.8 For the High Needs Block, as noted in previous Schools Forum reports, £480 million has been set aside nationally for 2025/26 Core Schools Budget Grant (CSBG) for special schools and alternative provision. This will combine the High Needs elements of the 2024/25 Teachers' Pay Additional Grant (TPAG) and Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG). This funding will be paid outside of the HNB NFF therefore not shown in the table above.
- 1.9 Following receipt of the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) and applying the new NFF rates, the formula again shows a shortfall in 2025/26, in the order of £504k (£900k in 2023/24, £461k in 2024/25).
- 1.10 This has occurred due to increases, particularly in English as Additional Language (EAL) and Mobility between October 2024 and October 2025 Census data along with increases in Free School Meals.

	Oct 2023 2024/25	Oct 2024 2025/26	Increase
	Eligible	Eligible	
FSM/FSM6	23,601	23,686	85
EAL	1,321	1,464	143
Mobility	402	544	142

- 1.11 The units of funding (PUFs, Primary units of funding and SUFs, Secondary units of funding), which drive the funding allocation for 2025/26, are based on October 2023 Census then uplifted with the new factor values and protection factors. These values are then multiplied by their respective October 2024 pupil counts to provide the final allocation for 2025/26. Therefore, if there are substantial changes in pupil characteristics in October 2024 compared to October 2023 then the formula may become unaffordable.
- 1.12 To balance the formula, before any transfers are to be made, the Basic Entitlement factors have been reduced by £16.91 to:
- Primary £3,830.09, KS3 £5,405.09 and KS4 £6,096.09. (see the table in 1.15 below for original NFF figures)
- 1.13 To enable the transfer to the HNB of £1,156,212 the Basic Entitlement factors have been further reduced by £41.42 to:
- Primary £3,788.67, KS3 £5,363.67 and KS4 £6,054.67 to ensure most schools contribute the same value, £41.42 per pupil.
- 1.14 Schools that are protected by the Minimum per Pupil Funding factor and the Minimum Funding Guarantee continue to be so.
- 1.15 The following table shows the submitted Sunderland 2024/25 APT factor values compared with Sunderland's proposed APT submission for 2025/26.

Factor	2024/25 APT	2025/26 NFF	Sunderland Formula 2025/26	Factor values must be at least 97.5% of NFF
Primary basic entitlement	£3,512.67	£3,847	£3,788.67	98.5%
KS3 basic entitlement	£4,972.67	£5,422	£5,363.67	98.9%
KS4 basic entitlement	£5,611.67	£6,113	£6,054.67	99.0%
Primary FSM	£490	£495	£495	100.0%
Secondary FSM	£490	£495	£495	100.0%
Primary FSM6	£820	£1,060	£1,060	100.0%
Secondary FSM6	£1,200	£1,555	£1,555	100.0%
Primary IDACI F	£235	£235	£235	100.0%
Primary IDACI E	£285	£285	£285	100.0%
Primary IDACI D	£445	£445	£445	100.0%
Primary IDACI C	£485	£490	£490	100.0%
Primary IDACI B	£515	£520	£520	100.0%
Primary IDACI A	£680	£685	£685	100.0%
Secondary IDACI F	£340	£340	£340	100.0%
Secondary IDACI E	£450	£450	£450	100.0%
Secondary IDACI D	£630	£635	£635	100.0%
Secondary IDACI C	£690	£695	£695	100.0%
Secondary IDACI B	£740	£745	£745	100.0%
Secondary IDACI A	£945	£950	£950	100.0%
Primary EAL	£590	£595	£595	100.0%
Secondary EAL	£1,585	£1,595	£1,595	100.0%
Primary LPA	£1,170	£1,175	£1,175	100.0%
Secondary LPA	£1,775	£1,785	£1,785	100.0%
Primary mobility	£960	£965	£965	100.0%
Secondary mobility	£1,380	£1,385	£1,385	100.0%
Primary lump sum	£134,400	£145,100	£145,100	100.0%
Secondary lump sum	£134,400	£145,100	£145,100	100.0%

1.16 The 2025/26 final proposed funding formula, following the affordability adjustment and the transfer of 0.5% to the HNB shows 63 Schools contribute £41.42 per pupil to the HNB, 13 Schools contribute less than this as any further contribution would take them below the minimum funding protections (either by MFG or MPPF). 23 schools do not contribute as they are being funded at or below the minimum levels, therefore the formula will not allow any deductions to be made.

1.17 The MFG this year can be set between -0.5% and 0%. This has been set at the maximum 0% in Sunderland’s funding formula 2025/26 so that Schools should receive at least the same per pupil funding as they did for 2024/25.

This year (2025/26) due to the MFG being set so low, more schools are protected via the MFG than the MPPF.

The same principle applies, Schools must receive at least the same per pupil funding as in 2024/25, i.e. at least 0% more.

Schools, where the MFG is less than 0%, are protected therefore no (or limited) deductions can be made.

Examples/explanation why schools contribute less, or nothing can be found on **Annex A**

Reconciliation						
£233,241,634	DSG Allocation					
-£1,999,210	Less Rates					
-£1,156,212	Less HNB Transfer					
£230,086,212	APT Total					
-£750,830	Less Growth					
£229,335,382	Allocated to Schools through formula					
	Oct 2023 Pupils	Oct 2024 Pupils	Diff	Cost of Transfer	2025/26 Funding	Avg cost of transfer per pupil
Primaries	20,389	20,321	-68	-£526,803	£113,457,659	-£25.92*
Secondaries	15,945	15,736	-209	-£629,409	£115,877,723	-£40.00
				-£1,156,212	£229,335,382	
** Primaries average lower due to Primary schools who do not contribute or contribute less.						

1.18 Summary of Schools Funding allocations for 2025/26 is shown in **Appendix A** along with the proposed De-delegation of Union Facility Time amounting to £29,599.50 for 2025/26.

1.19 Details of the deductions for the transfer can be found in **Appendix B**.

1.20 Final proposed APT to be approved is shown in **Appendix C**.

1.21 **Annex B** shows the data sorted by pupil numbers and pupil losses/gains. The losses or gains for 2 Schools who have both lost or gained, say, 10 pupils should not be compared unless they have similar pupil numbers. However, Forum should note that 2 schools with similar pupil numbers will not have pupils with the same characteristics i.e. numbers eligible for FSM/LPA/IDCAI etc. which demonstrates why school’s losses/gains differ.

De-delegation of Trade Union Facility Time (from November 2024 Schools Forum)

The Local Authority is required to consult the primary and secondary maintained school representatives on the Schools Forum every year regarding the de-delegation of centrally held budgets. De-delegated funds are a deduction from maintained schools' budget shares, after the calculation of Schools Block allocations. De-delegation can only apply to maintained primary and secondary school budgets. Academies, free schools, special schools, PRUs and nurseries cannot de-delegate. However, they can choose to buy into the same de-delegated services on a traded arrangement, at an agreed rate per-pupil.

Decisions on de-delegation must be taken at the Schools Forum by primary and secondary sector representatives separately, every financial year. It requires the agreement of a simple majority of the maintained representatives for the relevant phase on the Schools Forum on a recommended per-pupil basis. For 2025/26 there are no secondary maintained schools, therefore this only applies to Primary Schools.

Additional information was issued to Schools Forum following November Forum.

Schools' Forum members are invited to note the following data:

- Currently, there are 34 Primary schools in the maintained sector.
- The income from maintained Primary schools is £29,599.50.
- The per pupil rate for 2025/26 will be £3.50 (this is due to the per pupil rate originally being agreed at £3.50 in 2021, which was subsidised for the first two years, ending in August 2024).

Early Years Funding Formula 2025/26

Current Early Years Entitlements

- 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9 months up to 2 years old,
- 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 2 years old children,
- 15 hours entitlement for 2 year old disadvantaged children (now called the 15 hours entitlement for families of 2-year-olds receiving additional support)
- Universal 15 hours entitlement for all 3 and 4 year-old children.
- Additional 15 hours entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4 year-old children.
- Maintained nursery school (MNS) supplementary funding for 3 and 4 year-old children.
- The disability access fund (DAF) for eligible children accessing the early years entitlements.
- The early years pupil premium (EYPP) for eligible children and looked after children accessing the early years entitlements

Changes 2025/26

- 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 2 years old children will be extended to 30 hours from September 2025.
- 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9 months up to 2 years old extended to 30 hours from September 2025.
- an increased minimum pass-through requirement for local authorities in 2025 to 2026 – the pass-through rate will increase from 95% to 96%.
- an expectation that local authorities will announce their funding rates to childcare providers by 28 February 2025.

The funding rates for 2025/26 Sunderland will receive are as follows:

	National Average 25/26	Sunderland 24/25	Sunderland 25/26	Increase from rates received as at Dec24
3 and 4-year-old entitlements	£6.12	£5.49	£5.71	£0.22
2-year-old entitlements	£8.53	£7.84	£8.11	£0.27
Under 2s entitlement	£11.54	£10.69	£11.04	£0.35
MNS Supplementary Funding	£5.90	£4.64	£5.27	£0.63
DAF	£938.00	£910.00	£938.00	£28.00
EYPP	£1.00	£0.68	£1.00	£0.32

Forum is to note that the rates above, other than DAF and EYPP, are not the rates that will be allocated to providers. These rates are the starting position for LAs, from which any supplements supplied, Early Years inclusion, retained element for central support functions and affordability are taken into account.

The table below shows how the rates received have changed over the last five years.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
3 and 4-year-old entitlements	£4.87	£5.04	£5.29	£5.49	£5.71
2-year-old entitlements	£5.36	£5.57	£7.27	£7.84	£8.11
Under 2s entitlement	N/A	N/A	N/A	£10.69	£11.04
MNS Supplementary Funding	£1.90	£1.97	£4.01	£4.64	£5.27
DAF	£615.00	£800.00	£881.00	£910.00	£938.00
EYPP	£0.53	£0.60	£0.66	£0.68	£1.00

Structure of Sunderland's 2 year old and under formula

2-year-olds receiving additional support	Base Rate	+	Early Years Inclusion Fund	
Working parents of 2 years old children	Base Rate	+	Early Years Inclusion Fund	+
Working parents of children from 9 months up to 2 years old	Base Rate	+	Early Years Inclusion Fund	+

Structure of Sunderland's 3&4 year old formula

Universal and Additional 15 hours entitlement for all 3 and 4 year-old children	Base Rate	+	Early Years Inclusion Fund	+	Retained element	+	Supplements			
							IDACI	Flexibility	Quality	Rural
							+	+	+	+

3 and 4 Year Old Funding

The basic formula to apply in 2025/26 remains unchanged from 2024/25. The January 2024 Census drives both the funding partly for 2024/25 (7/12ths) and the revised allocation for 2025/26. The principles are as follows:

- Universal Base Rate - A single rate to be paid to all providers
- Supplementary Factors (Capped at 12%);
 - Deprivation (Mandatory) - IDACI Rates £0 - £570 p.a. (£0.00 to £1.00 p/hr based on post code of child).
 - Flexibility – £0.50 per hour to apply to those children taking up the flexible offer. Paid to providers offering 42 weeks or more per year.
 - Rural Schools Protection – Sustainability – East Rainton Primary School
 - Quality (formerly Teachers Pay and Pensions Grant TPPG) both Universal and additional entitlements for schools who previously received TPPG prior to being rolled into the Early Years formula.

Nursery Supplementary Funding

The proposal for 2025/26 is to increase the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds from £4.70 to **£4.90** per hour for all providers.

An element has been added to the base rate for Teachers Pay Award 2024, however, due to the Supplements being capped at 12% it is no longer possible to increase the supplements for this. Therefore, 20p has been added to the £4.70 2024/25 base rate which will be available to all providers.

The quality supplement was set at £0.40 at the beginning of last year and increased to £0.64 for the period September 2024 to March 2025. This has been reduced to £0.58 for affordability purposes as any more would take us over the 12% supplement allowance.

Summary of 3 and 4 year old rates

	2025/26	
Base Rate	£4.90 p/hr	Universal & Additional 15hrs
IDACI	£0.00 - £1.00 p/hr	Universal & Additional 15hrs
Flexibility	£0.50 p/hr	Universal & Additional 15hrs
Quality	£0.58 p/hr	Universal & Additional 15hrs
DAF	£938.00 p.a.	N/A
EYPP	£1.00 p/hr	Universal 15hrs only
Rural School	N/A	

Initial 3 and 4 Year old allocations and estimated spend 2025/26

	Rate	Jan 24 hrs	£	
Provisional allocation	£5.71	2,995,920	£17,106,704	Universal and Additional
		Estimated 25/26 hrs	Estimated Spend	
Deprivation-IDACI	£0.00-£1.00		£630,000	} Supplements 11.92% (12% max)
Flexibility	£0.50	540,000	£270,000	
Quality	£0.58	1,679,036	£973,841	
Rural	N/A		£24,000	
Base Rate	£4.90	2,863,033	£14,028,863	
EY Inclusion			£500,000	
Retained max 4% (Childcare Team)			£680,000	3.98%
			£17,106,704	Pass-through rate 100.48%

Pass-through calculation

All estimated spend excluding retained element	16,426,703
Divided by Estimated 3&4 Hours	2,863,033
	£ 5.74
Divided by allocated rate	£ 5.71
Pass-through	100.48%

Supplement (max 12%) calculation

Supplement total	£1,897,841
Divided by Base + Supplements	15,926,703
Supplement %	11.92%

Maintained Nursery School Lump Sum

Sunderland's multiplying rate is currently £4.64, this will rise to **£5.27**. Current Lump Sum £159,114 per seven Maintained Nursery Schools will increase to **£190,950**.

The rate per hour for the quality supplement will be **£0.58** for both the Universal and Additional entitlements to be in line with other schools.

MNS Reconciliation

Lump Sum (£190,950 x 7)	£1,336,650
Quality @ £0.58 p/hr	£165,300
DSG allocation	£1,501,950

Funding for 2 Year Olds and under

The early years entitlements are:

- the 15 hours entitlement for 2-year-olds receiving additional support.
- the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of 2-year-old children (From September 2025, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours).
- the 15 hours entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to 2 years old (From September 2025, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours).

Reconciliation	2 year olds - receiving additional support	2 year old - Working parents	Under 2s - Working parents	Total
Hourly Rate to providers	£3,696,327	£6,593,838	£9,815,744	£20,105,909
Estimated Hours	457,466	824,055	896,354	
SEN Inclusion	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000	£60,000
A Funding to Providers	£3,716,327	£6,613,838	£10,732,098	£20,165,909
B Central Team	£0	£60,000	£60,000	£120,000
Total	£3,716,327	£6,673,838	£9,895,744	£20,285,909
Rate to providers	£8.08	£8.00	£10.95	

C	DSG Allocation	£3,716,327	£6,673,838	£9,895,744	£20,285,909
	Central Team % B÷C	0.00%	0.90%	0.61%	0.59%
	Pass through % A÷C	100.00%	99.10%	108.45%	99.41%
	Variance from Allocation	£0	£0	£0	£0

Other Funding

EYPP	£217,740	£19,597	£237,337
DAF	£72,226	£21,574	£93,800

Summary

2 year old - receiving additional support	£8.08
2 year old - Working parents	£8.00
Under 2s - Working parents	£10.95

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

The EYPP remains distinct from the Early Year's National Funding Formula and will continue as a separate funding stream provided to Local Authorities in order to support disadvantaged pupils. The funding will continue to be paid within the DSG and has been increased to **£1.00** per hour (**£570.00** p.a.). The EYPP is only paid on the universal 15 hours. This is available to all entitlements.

Disability Access fund (DAF) is increasing by £28 from £910 to **£938** for all entitlements.

Summary of all rates 2025/26

	Rate p/hr
3 and 4-year-old entitlements Base	£4.90
3 and 4-year-old IDACI	£0 - £1
3 and 4-year-old Flexibility	£0.50
3 and 4-year-old Quality	£0.58
2-year-old entitlements- receiving additional support	£8.08
2-year-old entitlements-Working Parents	£8.00
Under 2s entitlement	£10.95
DAF	£938
EYPP	£1.00

Payment Mechanism and Term Dates

Early Years payments will continue to be offered either on a termly or monthly basis. Providers will remain on the current payment method unless a change is requested. Changes to the payment method cannot be made mid-term but will come into effect the following term if required.

The maximum 38 week funding allocation will be funded on the basis of 12 weeks (180 hours) in Summer, 14 weeks (210 hours) in Autumn and 12 weeks (180 hours) in Spring.

Summer Term 2025	Early Years Term Dates (12 Weeks)				Maximum Funding	
Early Years dates	Monday 28/04/2025	Half	26/05/2025 - 30/05/2025	Friday 25/07/2025	180 hours	12 Wks
School dates	Monday 28/04/2025	Term		Wednesday 23/07/2025		11 Wks & 3 days
Autumn Term 2025	Early Years Term Dates (14 Weeks)				Maximum Funding	
Early Years dates	Monday 08/09/2025	Half	27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	Friday 19/12/2025	180 hours	14 Wks
School dates	Thursday 04/09/2025	Term		Friday 19/12/2025		14 Wks & 2 days
Spring Term 2026	Early Years Term Dates (12 Weeks)				Maximum Funding	
Early Years dates	Monday 05/01/2026	Half	23/02/2026 - 27/02/2026	Friday 03/04/2026	180 hours	12 Wks
School dates	Monday 05/01/2026	Term		Thursday 02/04/2026		11 Wks & 4 days

Payment Dates

Payment dates for monthly and termly options are as follows:

12 Monthly Payments					
Summer	08-Apr-25	06-May-25	17-Jun-25	08-Jul-25	05-Aug-25
Autumn	02-Sep-25	07-Oct-25	11-Nov-25	09-Dec-25	
Spring	06-Jan-26	10-Feb-26			
6 Termly Payments					
Summer	08-Apr-25	17-Jun-25			
Autumn	02-Sep-25	11-Nov-25			
Spring	07-Jan-25	10-Feb-26			

Recommendation

Schools Forum is asked to:

- i. approve, or otherwise, the continuation of the de-delegation of Trade Union Facility Time at £3.50 per pupil in 2025/26.
- ii. agree to the submission of the Local Funding Formula proforma (APT) to the ESFA by 22 January 2025, formula subject to Cabinet approval.
- iii. agree the Early Years Formula for 2025/26

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Trade Union Facility Time deductions have been shown for information only. If approved they will be deducted from the 2025/26 Funding shown below.

	36334	36057	-277	£213,537,933	£229,335,382		£29,599.50
	Oct 23 Pupils	Oct 24 Pupils	Diff	2024/25 Funding	2025/26 Funding	Cash Diff	Union De-Del
Albany Village Primary School	196	194	-2	£1,082,580	£1,157,815	£75,235	-£679.00
Barmston Village Primary School	185	183	-2	£1,126,319	£1,211,235	£84,915	-£640.50
Barnes Infant Academy	264	240	-24	£1,331,532	£1,302,832	-£28,700	£0.00
Barnes Junior School	349	360	11	£1,690,432	£1,929,103	£238,671	-£1,260.00
Barnwell Academy	202	209	7	£1,003,483	£1,109,518	£106,035	£0.00
Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy	258	273	15	£1,189,380	£1,352,715	£163,335	£0.00
Bernard Gilpin Primary School	423	426	3	£1,950,030	£2,110,830	£160,800	-£1,491.00
Bexhill Academy	300	294	-6	£1,667,903	£1,758,123	£90,220	£0.00
Biddick Primary School	265	260	-5	£1,229,229	£1,325,841	£96,612	-£910.00
Blackfell Primary School	151	137	-14	£793,442	£807,286	£13,843	-£479.50
Broadway Junior School	235	238	3	£1,268,271	£1,385,343	£117,072	-£833.00
Burnside Academy Inspires	126	144	18	£727,611	£900,012	£172,401	£0.00
Castletown Primary School	324	333	9	£1,633,581	£1,806,695	£173,114	-£1,165.50
Dame Dorothy Primary School	180	184	4	£959,269	£1,056,148	£96,879	-£644.00
Diamond Hall Infant Academy	259	255	-4	£1,459,768	£1,538,382	£78,614	£0.00
Diamond Hall Junior Academy	340	326	-14	£1,816,250	£1,878,866	£62,616	£0.00
Dubmire Primary	359	370	11	£1,745,559	£1,946,376	£200,817	£0.00
Easington Lane Primary School	254	251	-3	£1,405,205	£1,499,298	£94,092	-£878.50
East Herrington Primary Academy	408	418	10	£1,880,880	£2,071,190	£190,310	£0.00
East Rainton Primary School	112	101	-11	£637,801	£632,586	-£5,216	-£353.50
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School	165	169	4	£980,830	£1,073,528	£92,698	£0.00
Eppleton Academy Primary School	181	188	7	£978,924	£1,087,807	£108,883	£0.00
Farringdon Academy	339	317	-22	£1,825,631	£1,844,396	£18,765	£0.00
Fatfield Academy	189	198	9	£924,594	£1,051,118	£126,524	£0.00
Fulwell Infant School Academy	267	269	2	£1,230,870	£1,332,895	£102,025	£0.00
Fulwell Junior School	356	350	-6	£1,641,160	£1,734,250	£93,090	-£1,225.00
George Washington Primary School	403	406	3	£2,033,095	£2,216,901	£183,806	£0.00
Gillas Lane Primary Academy	116	119	3	£748,528	£823,894	£75,365	£0.00
Grange Park Primary School	202	204	2	£1,175,175	£1,273,486	£98,311	-£714.00
Grangetown Primary School	232	246	14	£1,270,428	£1,455,638	£185,210	-£861.00
Grindon Infant School	148	128	-20	£831,866	£824,244	-£7,622	-£448.00
Hasting Hill Academy	181	178	-3	£1,084,357	£1,177,379	£93,022	£0.00

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Hetton Lyons Primary School	428	428	0	£2,079,476	£2,244,786	£165,311	£0.00
Hetton Primary School	168	174	6	£970,712	£1,083,359	£112,647	-£609.00
Highfield Academy	367	384	17	£1,989,456	£2,272,640	£283,184	£0.00
Hill View Infant Academy	351	341	-10	£1,618,110	£1,689,655	£71,545	£0.00
Hill View Junior Academy	451	451	0	£2,079,110	£2,234,705	£155,595	£0.00
Holley Park Academy	217	191	-26	£1,010,981	£983,550	-£27,431	£0.00
Hudson Road Primary School	302	305	3	£1,648,630	£1,795,731	£147,102	-£1,067.50
Hylton Castle Primary School	199	205	6	£1,118,658	£1,235,100	£116,441	-£717.50
John F Kennedy Primary School	401	383	-18	£1,980,717	£2,043,348	£62,631	£0.00
Lambton Primary School	163	161	-2	£854,229	£915,530	£61,300	-£563.50
Marlborough Primary School	135	125	-10	£883,111	£909,015	£25,904	-£437.50
Mill Hill Primary School	419	426	7	£1,931,590	£2,110,830	£179,240	-£1,491.00
New Penshaw Academy	133	119	-14	£797,083	£782,506	-£14,578	£0.00
New Silksworth Academy Infant	136	132	-4	£744,924	£780,579	£35,655	£0.00
New Silksworth Academy Junior	211	207	-4	£1,135,506	£1,208,183	£72,677	£0.00
Newbottle Primary Academy	404	392	-12	£1,862,440	£1,942,360	£79,920	£0.00
Northern Saints Church of England Academy	486	455	-31	£2,609,128	£2,669,573	£60,444	£0.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary	304	275	-29	£1,401,440	£1,370,122	-£31,318	£0.00
Oxclose Primary Academy	193	185	-8	£1,088,584	£1,142,066	£53,482	£0.00
Plains Farm Academy	168	164	-4	£984,926	£1,048,214	£63,288	£0.00
Redby Academy	257	248	-9	£1,203,540	£1,258,359	£54,819	£0.00
Richard Avenue Primary School	402	412	10	£2,058,114	£2,246,367	£188,254	-£1,442.00
Rickleton Primary School	358	372	14	£1,650,380	£1,843,260	£192,880	-£1,302.00
Ryhope Infant School Academy	99	104	5	£595,339	£664,279	£68,940	£0.00
Ryhope Junior School	188	168	-20	£1,024,141	£1,026,993	£2,852	-£588.00
Seaburn Dene Primary School	187	195	8	£895,538	£993,841	£98,303	-£682.50
Shiney Row Primary School	209	218	9	£1,169,549	£1,318,756	£149,207	-£763.00
South Hylton Primary Academy	231	218	-13	£1,223,018	£1,257,952	£34,934	£0.00
Southwick Community Primary School	292	282	-10	£1,778,924	£1,865,738	£86,814	-£987.00
Springwell Village Primary School	177	173	-4	£841,227	£900,488	£59,262	£0.00
St Anne's Roman Catholic VA Primary School	204	212	8	£1,081,095	£1,214,944	£133,849	-£742.00
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	199	198	-1	£974,132	£1,038,761	£64,629	£0.00
St Benet's Roman Catholic VA Primary School	296	290	-6	£1,364,560	£1,436,950	£72,390	-£1,015.00
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School	206	206	0	£1,034,247	£1,116,711	£82,464	£0.00
St John Bosco Catholic Primary School	176	178	2	£949,718	£1,027,669	£77,952	£0.00

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Hetton Primary School	168	174	6	£970,712	£1,083,359	£112,647	-£609.00
Highfield Academy	367	384	17	£1,989,456	£2,272,640	£283,184	£0.00
Hill View Infant Academy	351	341	-10	£1,618,110	£1,689,655	£71,545	£0.00
Hill View Junior Academy	451	451	0	£2,079,110	£2,234,705	£155,595	£0.00
Holley Park Academy	217	191	-26	£1,010,981	£983,550	-£27,431	£0.00
Hudson Road Primary School	302	305	3	£1,648,630	£1,795,731	£147,102	-£1,067.50
Hylton Castle Primary School	199	205	6	£1,118,658	£1,235,100	£116,441	-£717.50
St John Boste Catholic Primary School	174	169	-5	£855,895	£929,449	£73,554	£0.00
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, S/land	208	213	5	£1,076,414	£1,172,113	£95,698	£0.00
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, W/ton	204	208	4	£975,403	£1,062,175	£86,772	£0.00
St Leonard's Catholic Primary School	150	187	37	£779,703	£1,033,431	£253,728	£0.00
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	417	421	4	£1,922,370	£2,086,055	£163,685	£0.00
St Michael's Catholic Primary School	203	198	-5	£985,602	£1,030,485	£44,883	£0.00
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	158	160	2	£843,363	£931,153	£87,790	£0.00
St Paul's CofE Primary School	257	278	21	£1,190,312	£1,378,081	£187,769	-£973.00
Thorney Close Primary School	253	249	-4	£1,423,874	£1,528,805	£104,931	-£871.50
Town End Academy	178	185	7	£1,007,504	£1,152,849	£145,345	£0.00
Usworth Colliery Primary School	343	353	10	£1,868,162	£2,128,668	£260,506	-£1,235.50
Valley Road Academy	355	318	-37	£1,998,330	£1,928,697	-£69,633	£0.00
Wessington Primary School	191	195	4	£1,069,296	£1,171,431	£102,135	-£682.50
Willow Wood Community Primary School	212	242	30	£1,293,784	£1,575,617	£281,834	-£847.00

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Academy 360	905	882	-23	£6,258,202	£6,594,119	£335,917	
Biddick Academy	1143	1,096	-47	£7,445,637	£7,756,237	£310,599	
Castle View Enterprise Academy	1029	1,037	8	£7,343,113	£8,032,193	£689,080	
Christ's College	736	776	40	£4,525,488	£5,146,671	£621,184	
Farringdon Community Academy	662	671	9	£4,628,264	£5,066,127	£437,863	
Hetton Academy	660	674	14	£4,660,878	£5,164,535	£503,656	
Kepier	1148	1,140	-8	£7,560,565	£8,171,459	£610,894	
Monkwearmouth Academy	845	816	-29	£5,499,151	£5,816,677	£317,526	
Oxclose Community Academy	1112	1,082	-30	£7,421,637	£7,881,463	£459,826	
Red House Academy	457	448	-9	£3,553,660	£3,770,904	£217,244	
Sandhill View Academy	758	767	9	£6,665,058	£7,199,546	£534,488	
Southmoor Academy	1240	1,204	-36	£8,202,710	£8,615,981	£413,271	
St Aidan's Catholic Academy	798	859	61	£5,109,879	£5,899,874	£789,995	
St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy	1099	1,090	-9	£6,831,941	£7,348,472	£516,531	
St Robert of Newminster Catholic School	1212	1,198	-14	£7,459,416	£8,009,562	£550,147	
Thornhill Academy	596	554	-42	£4,489,939	£4,582,308	£92,369	
Venerable Bede Church of England Academy	883	848	-35	£5,702,212	£5,973,168	£270,956	
Washington Academy	662	594	-68	£4,933,852	£4,848,428	-£85,424	

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				36334	36057	-277	£-1,156,212	£229,335,382	MFG - Must be at least 0%			Minumum Primary Funding Per pupil must be at least £4955			
				Oct 23 Pupils	Oct 24 Pupils	Diff	Cost of Transfer	2025/26 Funding	Cost per pupil	Protection			Protection		
										MFG	MFG increase	Revised MFG	Initial MPPF	MPPF increase	Final MPPF
Albany Village Primary School	196	194	-2	£-8,035	£1,157,815	£-41.42			0.07%		0.07%	£5,968		£5,968	
Barmston Village Primary School	185	183	-2	£-7,579	£1,211,235	£-41.42			1.08%	0.00%	1.08%	£6,619		£6,619	
Barnes Infant Academy	264	240	-24	£0	£1,302,832	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.78%	1.78%	0.00%	£5,343		£5,428	
Barnes Junior School	349	360	11	£-14,909	£1,929,103	£-41.42			3.52%	0.00%	3.52%	£5,359		£5,359	
Barnwell Academy	202	209	7	£-4,963	£1,109,518	£-23.75	Partially Protected by MFG		-0.38%	0.38%	0.00%	£5,291		£5,309	
Benedict Biscop Academy	258	273	15	£0	£1,352,715	£0.00	Protected by MPPF		1.25%	0.00%	1.25%	£4,753	£202	£4,955	
Bernard Gilpin Primary School	423	426	3	£0	£2,110,830	£0.00	Protected by MPPF		0.15%		0.15%	£4,852	£103	£4,955	
Bexhill Academy	300	294	-6	£-11,786	£1,758,123	£-40.09	Partially Protected by MFG		-0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	£5,979		£5,980	
Biddick Primary School	265	260	-5	£-10,768	£1,325,841	£-41.42			2.96%		2.96%	£5,099		£5,099	
Blackfell Primary School	151	137	-14	£-5,674	£807,286	£-41.42			2.96%	0.00%	2.96%	£5,893		£5,893	
Broadway Junior School	235	238	3	£-9,857	£1,385,343	£-41.42			0.26%		0.26%	£5,821		£5,821	
Burnside Academy Inspires	126	144	18	£-5,964	£900,012	£-41.42			3.49%	0.00%	3.49%	£6,250		£6,250	
Castletown Primary School	324	333	9	£-13,791	£1,806,695	£-41.42			0.81%		0.81%	£5,426		£5,426	
Dame Dorothy Primary School	180	184	4	£-7,620	£1,056,148	£-41.42			0.82%	0.00%	0.82%	£5,740		£5,740	
Diamond Hall Infant Academy	259	255	-4	£-10,561	£1,538,382	£-41.42			0.17%		0.17%	£6,033		£6,033	
Diamond Hall Junior Academy	340	326	-14	£-13,501	£1,878,866	£-41.42			0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	£5,763		£5,763	
Dubmire Primary	359	370	11	£-15,324	£1,946,376	£-41.42			0.95%		0.95%	£5,260		£5,260	
Easington Lane Primary School	254	251	-3	£-10,395	£1,499,298	£-41.42			0.27%	0.00%	0.27%	£5,973		£5,973	
East Herrington Primary Academy	408	418	10	£-3,457	£2,071,190	£-8.27	Protected by MPPF		0.50%		0.50%	£4,922	£33	£4,955	
East Rainton Primary School	112	101	-11	£0	£632,586	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.80%	1.80%	0.00%	£6,176		£6,263	
English Martyrs' Primary School	165	169	4	£0	£1,073,528	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.39%	1.39%	0.00%	£6,276		£6,352	
Eppleton Academy Primary School	181	188	7	£0	£1,087,807	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.22%	1.22%	0.00%	£5,725		£5,786	
Farringdon Academy	339	317	-22	£0	£1,844,396	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.48%	1.48%	0.00%	£5,739		£5,818	
Fatfield Academy	189	198	9	£-8,200	£1,051,118	£-41.42			2.13%	0.00%	2.13%	£5,309		£5,309	
Fulwell Infant School Academy	267	269	2	£0	£1,332,895	£0.00	Protected by MPPF		0.73%		0.73%	£4,765	£190	£4,955	
Fulwell Junior School	356	350	-6	£0	£1,734,250	£0.00	Protected by MPPF		0.56%	0.00%	0.56%	£4,672	£283	£4,955	
George Washington Primary School	403	406	3	£-16,815	£2,216,901	£-41.42			0.71%		0.71%	£5,460		£5,460	
Gillas Lane Primary Academy	116	119	3	£0	£823,894	£0.00	Protected by MFG		-1.69%	1.69%	0.00%	£6,827		£6,923	
Grange Park Primary School	202	204	2	£-5,927	£1,273,486	£-29.05	Protected by MFG		-0.22%	0.22%	0.00%	£6,230		£6,243	
Grangetown Primary School	232	246	14	£-10,188	£1,455,638	£-41.42			1.46%	0.00%	1.46%	£5,917		£5,917	
Grindon Infant School	148	128	-20	£-5,301	£824,244	£-41.42			5.16%		5.16%	£6,439		£6,439	
Hasting Hill Academy	181	178	-3	£-7,372	£1,177,379	£-41.42			2.63%	0.00%	2.63%	£6,614		£6,614	

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	Oct 23 Pupils	Oct 24 Pupils	Diff	Cost of Transfer		Cost per pupil	Protection			Protection		
				2025/26 Funding			MFG	MFG increase	Revised MFG	Initial MPPF	MPPF increase	Final MPPF
Hetton Lyons Primary School	428	428	0	-£17,726	£2,244,786	-£41.42	0.74%		0.74%	£5,245		£5,245
Hetton Primary School	168	174	6	-£7,206	£1,083,359	-£41.42	0.87%	0.00%	0.87%	£6,226		£6,226
Highfield Academy	367	384	17	-£15,903	£2,272,640	-£41.42	1.98%		1.98%	£5,918		£5,918
Hill View Infant Academy	351	341	-10	£0	£1,689,655	£0.00	0.33%	0.00%	0.33%	£4,760	£195	£4,955
Hill View Junior Academy	451	451	0	£0	£2,234,705	£0.00	0.45%		0.45%	£4,781	£174	£4,955
Holley Park Academy	217	191	-26	-£7,910	£983,550	-£41.42	1.63%	0.00%	1.63%	£5,149		£5,149
Hudson Road Primary School	302	305	3	-£12,632	£1,795,731	-£41.42	1.12%		1.12%	£5,888		£5,888
Hylton Castle Primary School	199	205	6	-£6,353	£1,235,100	-£30.99	-0.20%	0.20%	0.00%	£5,976		£6,025
John F Kennedy Primary School	401	383	-18	-£15,862	£2,043,348	-£41.42	0.57%		0.57%	£5,335		£5,335
Lambton Primary School	163	161	-2	-£6,668	£915,530	-£41.42	1.24%	0.00%	1.24%	£5,687		£5,687
Marlborough Primary School	135	125	-10	-£5,177	£909,015	-£41.42	2.49%		2.49%	£7,272		£7,272
Mill Hill Primary School	419	426	7	£0	£2,110,830	£0.00	0.54%	0.00%	0.54%	£4,845	£110	£4,955
New Penshaw Academy	133	119	-14	£0	£782,506	£0.00	-1.12%	1.12%	0.00%	£6,516		£6,576
New Silksworth Academy Infant	136	132	-4	£0	£780,579	£0.00	-2.68%	2.68%	0.00%	£5,784		£5,913
New Silksworth Academy Junior	211	207	-4	-£8,573	£1,208,183	-£41.42	0.55%		0.55%	£5,837		£5,837
New bottle Primary Academy	404	392	-12	£0	£1,942,360	£0.00	0.21%	0.00%	0.21%	£4,869	£86	£4,955
Northern Saints Academy	486	455	-31	-£18,844	£2,669,573	-£41.42	1.35%		1.35%	£5,867		£5,867
Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary	304	275	-29	-£5,311	£1,370,122	-£19.31	-0.50%	0.50%	0.00%	£4,960		£4,982
Oxclose Primary Academy	193	185	-8	-£7,662	£1,142,066	-£41.42	1.28%		1.28%	£6,173		£6,173
Plains Farm Academy	168	164	-4	-£6,792	£1,048,214	-£41.42	1.38%	0.00%	1.38%	£6,392		£6,392
Redby Academy	257	248	-9	-£10,271	£1,258,359	-£41.42	0.77%		0.77%	£5,074		£5,074
Richard Avenue Primary School	402	412	10	£0	£2,246,367	£0.00	-1.07%	1.07%	0.00%	£5,398		£5,452
Rickleton Primary School	358	372	14	£0	£1,843,260	£0.00	0.93%		0.93%	£4,709	£246	£4,955
Ryhope Infant School Academy	99	104	5	£0	£664,279	£0.00	-0.84%	0.84%	0.00%	£6,345		£6,387
Ryhope Junior School	188	168	-20	-£6,958	£1,026,993	-£41.42	2.97%		2.97%	£6,113		£6,113
Seaburn Dene Primary School	187	195	8	-£3,781	£993,841	-£19.39	-0.51%	0.51%	0.00%	£5,075		£5,097
Shiney Row Primary School	209	218	9	-£9,028	£1,318,756	-£41.42	1.18%		1.18%	£5,963		£6,049
South Hylton Primary Academy	231	218	-13	-£9,028	£1,257,952	-£41.42	0.81%	0.00%	0.81%	£5,770		£5,770
Southwick Primary School	292	282	-10	-£11,679	£1,865,738	-£41.42	1.02%		1.02%	£6,616		£6,616
Springwell Village Primary School	177	173	-4	-£7,165	£900,488	-£41.42	2.13%	0.00%	2.13%	£5,205		£5,205
St Anne's Roman VA Primary	204	212	8	-£8,780	£1,214,944	-£41.42	1.64%		1.64%	£5,731		£5,731
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	199	198	-1	-£8,200	£1,038,761	-£41.42	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	£5,246		£5,246
St Benet's Roman VA Primary	296	290	-6	£0	£1,436,950	£0.00	0.42%		0.42%	£4,854	£101	£4,955
St Cuthbert's Primary School	206	206	0	-£8,532	£1,116,711	-£41.42	0.82%	0.00%	0.82%	£5,421		£5,421
St John Bosco Primary School	176	178	2	-£5,310	£1,027,669	-£29.83	-0.23%	0.23%	0.00%	£5,762		£5,773

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							MFG	MFG increase	Revised MFG	Initial MPPF	MPPF increase	Final MPPF	
St John Boste Catholic Primary School	174	169	-5	-£6,999	£929,449	-£41.42	4.48%	0.00%	4.48%	£5,500		£5,500	
St Joseph's Primary School, S/land	208	213	5	-£5,506	£1,172,113	-£25.85	<i>Partially Protected by MFG</i>	-0.32%	0.32%	0.00%	£5,487		£5,503
St Joseph's Primary School, W/ton	204	208	4	-£1,008	£1,062,175	-£4.85	<i>Partially Protected by MFG</i>	-0.83%	0.83%	0.00%	£5,070		£5,107
St Leonard's Catholic Primary School	150	187	37	-£7,745	£1,033,431	-£41.42		3.21%		3.21%	£5,526		£5,526
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	417	421	4	£0	£2,086,055	£0.00	<i>Protected by MPPF</i>	0.98%	0.00%	0.98%	£4,737	£218	£4,955
St Michael's Catholic Primary School	203	198	-5	£0	£1,030,485	£0.00	<i>Protected by MFG</i>	-1.47%	1.47%	0.00%	£5,139		£5,204
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	158	160	2	-£6,626	£931,153	-£41.42		2.59%	0.00%	2.59%	£5,820		£5,820
St Paul's CofE Primary School	257	278	21	-£11,513	£1,378,081	-£41.42		0.79%		0.79%	£4,957		£4,957
Thorney Close Primary School	253	249	-4	-£10,312	£1,528,805	-£41.42		1.44%	0.00%	1.44%	£6,140		£6,140
Town End Academy	178	185	7	-£7,662	£1,152,849	-£41.42		3.74%		3.74%	£6,232		£6,232
Usworth Colliery Primary School	343	353	10	-£14,620	£2,128,668	-£41.42		3.54%	0.00%	3.54%	£6,030		£6,030
Valley Road Academy	355	318	-37	£0	£1,928,697	£0.00	<i>Protected by MFG</i>	-1.66%	1.66%	0.00%	£5,972		£6,065
Wessington Primary School	191	195	4	-£5,453	£1,171,431	-£27.96	<i>Partially Protected by MFG</i>	-0.26%	0.26%	0.00%	£5,994		£6,007
Willow Wood Primary School	212	242	30	-£10,022	£1,575,617	-£41.42		0.37%		0.37%	£6,511		£6,511
Academy 360	905	882	-23	-£19,133	£6,594,119	-£21.69	<i>Partially Protected by MFG</i>	-0.27%	0.27%	0.00%	£7,457		£7,476
Biddick Academy	1143	1,096	-47	-£45,391	£7,756,237	-£41.42		0.80%	0.00%	0.80%	£7,077		£7,077
Castle View Enterprise Academy	1029	1,037	8	-£42,947	£8,032,193	-£41.42		0.71%		0.71%	£7,746		£7,746
Christ's College	736	776	40	-£32,138	£5,146,671	-£41.42		0.87%	0.00%	0.87%	£6,632		£6,632
Farrington Community Academy	662	671	9	-£27,790	£5,066,127	-£41.42		0.15%		0.15%	£7,550		£7,550
Hetton Academy	660	674	14	-£27,914	£5,164,535	-£41.42		0.68%	0.00%	0.68%	£7,587		£7,663
Kepier	1148	1,140	-8	-£47,213	£8,171,459	-£41.42		0.87%		0.87%	£7,168		£7,168
Monkwearmouth Academy	845	816	-29	-£33,795	£5,816,677	-£41.42		1.68%	0.00%	1.68%	£7,128		£7,128
Oxclose Community Academy	1112	1,082	-30	-£44,811	£7,881,463	-£41.42		1.19%		1.19%	£7,284		£7,284
Red House Academy	457	448	-9	-£18,554	£3,770,904	-£41.42		0.40%	0.00%	0.40%	£8,417		£8,417
Sandhill View Academy	758	767	9	-£26,862	£7,199,546	-£35.02	<i>Partially Protected by MFG</i>	-0.08%	0.08%	0.00%	£7,931		£9,387
Southmoor Academy	1240	1,204	-36	-£49,864	£8,615,981	-£41.42		0.36%	0.00%	0.36%	£7,156		£7,156
St Aidan's Catholic Academy	798	859	61	-£35,576	£5,899,874	-£41.42		0.25%		0.25%	£6,868		£6,868
St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy	1099	1,090	-9	-£45,142	£7,348,472	-£41.42		0.86%	0.00%	0.86%	£6,742		£6,742
St Robert of Newminster	1212	1,198	-14	-£49,615	£8,009,562	-£41.42		1.19%		1.19%	£6,686		£6,686
Thornhill Academy	596	554	-42	-£22,944	£4,582,308	-£41.42		2.17%	0.00%	2.17%	£8,271		£8,271
Venerable Bede Academy	883	848	-35	-£35,120	£5,973,168	-£41.42		1.03%		1.03%	£7,044		£7,044
Washington Academy	662	594	-68	-£24,601	£4,848,428	-£41.42		1.11%	0.00%	1.11%	£8,162		£8,162

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APPENDIX C

LA Name:

Sunderland			
Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level
£4,955.00	£6,221.00	£6,831.00	£6,465.00

Pupil Led Factors

1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Reception uplift	No	Pupil Units			Total	Proportion of total pre MFG	Notional SEN (%)		
	Description	Amount per pupil	Pupil Units		Sub Total					
	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,788.67	20,954.00		£79,387,796	£164,440,421	34.35%	2.70%		
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£5,363.67	9,249.00		£49,608,586		21.47%	1.80%		
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£6,054.67	5,854.00		£35,444,039		15.34%	1.70%		
2) Deprivation	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	FSM	£495	£495	6,354.00	5,447.00	£5,841,495				
FSM6	£1,060	£1,555	6,389.00	5,496.00	£15,318,620	100.00%	100.00%			
IDACI Band F	£235	£340	2,067.54	1,589.68	£1,026,363	25.00%	25.00%			
IDACI Band E	£285	£450	2,653.70	1,870.99	£1,598,250	25.00%	25.00%			
IDACI Band D	£445	£635	1,656.10	1,171.32	£1,480,750	25.00%	25.00%			
IDACI Band C	£490	£695	2,654.68	2,001.35	£2,691,734	25.00%	25.00%			
IDACI Band B	£520	£745	3,111.67	2,248.58	£3,293,264	25.00%	25.00%			
IDACI Band A	£685	£950	1,848.31	1,163.85	£2,371,751	25.00%	25.00%			
3) English as an Additional Language	EAL 3 Primary	£595		1,142.55		£679,820	£1,771,604	0.52%	0.00%	0.00%
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,595		321.25	£512,397			0.00%	0.00%
4) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£965	£1,385	412.98	130.58	£579,388		0.25%	0.00%	0.00%
5) Low prior attainment	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)
	Primary low prior attainment		£1,175	31.20%	6,536.91	£7,680,865				
Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	57.71%	£1,785	19.16%	2,982.68	£5,324,085					
Secondary low prior	55.77%		19.90%							
Secondary low prior	54.47%		19.82%							
Secondary low prior	54.47%		19.82%							
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	64.53%		20.05%					100.00%		

Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)
Lump Sum	£145,100	£145,100			£14,364,900	6.22%	0.00%
Rates					£1,999,210	0.87%	0.00%
PFI funding					£1,189,247	0.51%	0.00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)					£230,392,558	99.70%	
Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level					£700,926	0.30%	0.00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)					£231,093,485	100.00%	
MFG Net Total Funding					£241,107	0.10%	0.00%
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula					£231,334,592		£40,919,567
Notional SEN	Top-up - proportion of NOR	2.09%	support plus EHCP minus Top-up - proportion of N	16.66%	Notional SEN per pupil		£6,060
Growth fund (if applicable)					£750,830.00		
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)					£232,085,422		
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement					71.16%		
% Pupil Led Funding					92.10%		
Primary: Secondary Ratio					1 :	1.33	
25-26 NFF NNDR allocation, excluding prior year adjustments					£1,999,210		
Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 25-26 NFF NNDR allocation					£230,086,212		

EXAMPLES OF ZERO OR PARTIAL DEDUCTION FOR THE HIGH NEEDS BLOCK TRANSFER

ANNEX A

Overview

One of the requirements of the Schools NFF is that Primary Schools must receive, as a minimum £4955 per pupil and Secondaries £6,465 per pupil (for the year 2025/26). The Minimum per Pupil funding is calculated using all of the Schools funding excluding premises-related funding. This is divided by the pupil numbers in the school to produce the funding per pupil that a school is receiving. The Cost per pupil in 2025/26 equates to **£41.42** to enable the transfer of £1.156m to the High Needs Block

Simple view

A Primary School with 300 pupils must be funded at least 300 x £4,955 = **£1,486,500** in order to meet the minimum funding requirements
We need to take 300 x **£41.42** = £12,426 from the School for the transfer

	<u>Transfer per pupil</u>	<u>Revised Funding</u>
School A's Funding is £1,500,000 therefore there is enough for us to take the full £12,426	300 pupils @ £41.42	£1,487,574
School B's Funding is £1,496,500 therefore we can only deduct £10,000 as any more will take them below £1,486,500	300 pupils @ £33.33	£1,486,500 Minimum funding amount
School C's Funding is £1,480,000 therefore we cannot deduct anything as they are below £1,486,500. The MPPF tops them up to this figure by allocating them an additional £6,500	300 pupils @ £0	£1,486,500 Minimum funding amount

The same principal applies to the MFG, schools where there **MFG** falls below 0% the formula will only allow 'partial' deduction or no deduction at all
It appears that schools with an MFG between -0.5% and 0% may make a partial contribution and schools with MFG below -0.5% no contribution

Detailed view

	<u>Primary School A</u>	<u>Primary School B</u>	<u>Primary School C</u>	
Pupil No's	300	300	300	Minimum per Pupil Schools with 300 pupils <u>must</u> receive £1,486,500
Basic	£1,136,601	£1,136,601	£1,136,601	We need to deduct £41.42 per pupil in this case £12,426
Lump sum	£145,100	£145,100	£145,100	
<u>Deprivation</u>				
FSM / FSM6	£100,000	£77,799	£70,000	
IDACI	£64,299	£85,000	£78,000	
<u>Additional Need</u>				
LPA	£40,000	£50,000	£39,299	
Mobility	£10,000	£0	£6,000	
EAL	£4,000	£2,000	£5,000	
Total Funding excluding premises related	£1,500,000	£1,496,500	£1,480,000	
School with 300 pupil <u>must</u> receive £1,486,500	£1,486,500	£1,486,500	£1,486,500	
Funding available for deduction of £12,426	£13,500	£10,000	-£6,500	
	Full £12,426 can be deducted	Only £10,000 can be deducted	£0 can be deducted	
MPPF Top up	£0	£0	£6,500	
Revised Funding	£1,487,574	£1,486,500	£1,486,500	
Cost of Transfer to HNB 2526	£12,426	£10,000	£0	
	<i>£41.42 per pupil</i>	<i>£33.33 per pupil</i>	<i>£0.00 per pupil</i>	

You can see by the above examples that Schools with low deprivation/Additional needs are more likely to contribute less or nothing

TO COMPARE SCHOOLS WITH SIMILAR PUPIL NUMBERS/PUPIL LOSSES/GAINS

ANNEX B

	Oct 23	Oct 24		2025/26				
	Pupil No's	Pupil No's	Diff	Allocations	Cash Diff			
East Rainton Primary School	112	101	-11	£632,586	£-5,216			
Ryhope Infant School Academy	99	104	5	£664,279	£68,940			
New Peshaw Academy	133	119	-14	£782,506	£-14,578			
Gillas Lane Primary Academy	116	119	3	£823,894	£75,365			
Marlborough Primary School	135	125	-10	£909,015	£25,904			
Grindon Infant School	148	128	-20	£824,244	£-7,622			
New Silksworth Academy Infant	136	132	-4	£780,579	£35,655			
Blackfell Primary School	151	137	-14	£807,286	£13,843			
Burnside Academy Inspires	126	144	18	£900,012	£172,401			
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	158	160	2	£931,153	£87,790			
Lambton Primary School	163	161	-2	£915,530	£61,300			
Plains Farm Academy	168	164	-4	£1,048,214	£63,288			
Ryhope Junior School	188	168	-20	£1,026,993	£2,852			
St John Boste Catholic Primary School	174	169	-5	£929,449	£73,554			
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School	165	169	4	£1,073,528	£92,698			
Springwell Village Primary School	177	173	-4	£900,488	£59,262			
Hetton Primary School	168	174	6	£1,083,359	£112,647			
Hasting Hill Academy	181	178	-3	£1,177,379	£93,022			
St John Bosco Catholic Primary School	176	178	2	£1,027,669	£77,952			
Barmston Village Primary School	185	183	-2	£1,211,235	£84,915			
Dame Dorothy Primary School	180	184	4	£1,056,148	£96,879			
Oxclose Primary Academy	193	185	-8	£1,142,066	£53,482			
Town End Academy	178	185	7	£1,152,849	£145,345			
St Leonard's Catholic Primary School	150	187	37	£1,033,431	£253,728			
Eppleton Academy Primary School	181	188	7	£1,087,807	£108,883			
Holley Park Academy	217	191	-26	£983,550	£-27,431			
Albany Village Primary School	196	194	-2	£1,157,815	£75,235			
Wessington Primary School	191	195	4	£1,171,431	£102,135	More depriv/add'l needs funding than Seaburn		
Seaburn Dene Primary School	187	195	8	£993,841	£98,303			
St Michael's Catholic Primary School	203	198	-5	£1,030,485	£44,883	ok		
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	199	198	-1	£1,038,761	£64,629	ok		
Fatfield Academy	189	198	9	£1,051,118	£126,524			
Grange Park Primary School	202	204	2	£1,273,486	£98,311	ok		
Hylton Castle Primary School	199	205	6	£1,235,100	£116,441	ok		
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School	206	206	0	£1,116,711	£82,464			
New Silksworth Academy Junior	211	207	-4	£1,208,183	£72,677			
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, W/ton	204	208	4	£1,062,175	£86,772	ok		
Barnwell Academy	202	209	7	£1,109,518	£106,035	ok		
St Anne's Roman Catholic VA Primary School	204	212	8	£1,214,944	£133,849			
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, S/land	208	213	5	£1,172,113	£95,698			
South Hylton Primary Academy	231	218	-13	£1,257,952	£34,934			
Shiney Row Primary School	209	218	9	£1,318,756	£149,207			
Broadway Junior School	235	238	3	£1,385,343	£117,072			
Barnes Infant Academy	264	240	-24	£1,302,832	£-28,700			
Willow Wood Community Primary School	212	242	30	£1,575,617	£281,834			
Grangetown Primary School	232	246	14	£1,455,638	£185,210			
Redby Academy	257	248	-9	£1,258,359	£54,819			
Thorney Close Primary School	253	249	-4	£1,528,805	£104,931	More depriv/add'l needs funding than Easington		
Easington Lane Primary School	254	251	-3	£1,499,298	£94,092			
Diamond Hall Infant Academy	259	255	-4	£1,538,382	£78,614	ok		
Biddick Primary School	265	260	-5	£1,325,841	£96,612	ok		
Fulwell Infant School Academy	267	269	2	£1,332,895	£102,025			
Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy	258	273	15	£1,352,715	£163,335			
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary	304	275	-29	£1,370,122	£-31,318			
St Paul's CofE Primary School	257	278	21	£1,378,081	£187,769			
Southwick Community Primary School	292	282	-10	£1,865,738	£86,814			
St Benet's Roman Catholic VA Primary School	296	290	-6	£1,436,950	£72,390	ok		
Bexhill Academy	300	294	-6	£1,758,123	£90,220	ok		
Hudson Road Primary School	302	305	3	£1,795,731	£147,102			
Farringdon Academy	339	317	-22	£1,844,396	£18,765			
Valley Road Academy	355	318	-37	£1,928,697	£-69,633			
Diamond Hall Junior Academy	340	326	-14	£1,878,866	£62,616			
Castletown Primary School	324	333	9	£1,806,695	£173,114			
Hill View Infant Academy	351	341	-10	£1,689,655	£71,545			
Fulwell Junior School	356	350	-6	£1,734,250	£93,090			
Usworth Colliery Primary School	343	353	10	£2,128,668	£260,506			

TO COMPARE SCHOOLS WITH SIMILAR PUPIL NUMBERS/PUPIL LOSSES/GAINS

ANNEX B

	Oct 23 Pupil No's	Oct 24 Pupil No's	Diff	2025/26 Allocations	Cash Diff				
Barnes Junior School	349	360	11	£1,929,103	£238,671	ok			
Dubmire Primary	359	370	11	£1,946,376	£200,817	ok			
Rickleton Primary School	358	372	14	£1,843,260	£192,880				
John F Kennedy Primary School	401	383	-18	£2,043,348	£62,631				
Highfield Academy	367	384	17	£2,272,640	£283,184				
Newbottle Primary Academy	404	392	-12	£1,942,360	£79,920				
George Washington Primary School	403	406	3	£2,216,901	£183,806				
Richard Avenue Primary School	402	412	10	£2,246,367	£188,254	ok			
East Herrington Primary Academy	408	418	10	£2,071,190	£190,310	ok			
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	417	421	4	£2,086,055	£163,685	ok			
Bernard Gilpin Primary School	423	426	3	£2,110,830	£160,800	ok			
Mill Hill Primary School	419	426	7	£2,110,830	£179,240				
Hetton Lyons Primary School	428	428	0	£2,244,786	£165,311				
Red House Academy	457	448	-9	£3,770,904	£217,244		more depriv/Addt Needs than Hill View		
Hill View Junior Academy	451	451	0	£2,234,705	£155,595				
Northern Saints Church of England Academy	486	455	-31	£2,669,573	£60,444				
Thornhill Academy	596	554	-42	£4,582,308	£92,369				
Washington Academy	662	594	-68	£4,848,428	£85,424				
Farringdon Community Academy	662	671	9	£5,066,127	£437,863	ok			
Hetton Academy	660	674	14	£5,164,535	£503,656	ok			
Sandhill View Academy	758	767	9	£7,199,546	£534,488				
Christ's College	736	776	40	£5,146,671	£621,184				
Monkwearmouth Academy	845	816	-29	£5,816,677	£317,526				
Venerable Bede Church of England Academy	883	848	-35	£5,973,168	£270,956				
St Aidan's Catholic Academy	798	859	61	£5,899,874	£789,995				
Academy 360	905	882	-23	£6,594,119	£335,917				
Castle View Enterprise Academy	1029	1,037	8	£8,032,193	£689,080				
Oxclose Community Academy	1112	1,082	-30	£7,881,463	£459,826				
St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy	1099	1,090	-9	£7,348,472	£516,531				
Biddick Academy	1143	1,096	-47	£7,756,237	£310,599				
Kepier	1148	1,140	-8	£8,171,459	£610,894				
St Robert of Newminster Catholic School	1212	1,198	-14	£8,009,562	£550,147				
Southmoor Academy	1240	1,204	-36	£8,615,981	£413,271				