

REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUPIL GROWTH FUND FOR 2014/15

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Forum on the distribution to schools of additional funding, top sliced from the Dedicated Schools Grant, to ensure that infant class sizes are not breached.

Information and Advice

2. Following the commitment of Schools Forum to the creation of a £600,000 pupil growth fund for 2014/15, criteria was agreed to ensure that this ring fenced fund was appropriately distributed to schools. The funding of £500,000 for 2013/14 was overspent by £9,090 therefore the effective budget for 2014/15 stands at £590,910.
3. This ring fenced fund has so far been allocated to 16 schools (see appendix A) to ensure that these schools do not breach infant class sizes as a result of accepting a pupils above PAN and at the request of the Local Authority to admit resulting in a possible breach to infant class size legislation. The amount allocated stands at £416,064.
4. 8 of the schools are likely to require 3rd term funding which will fall in the financial year 2015/16, representing a carry forward requirement of £104,016.
5. East Markham Primary School was unable to avoid a breach of Infant class Size regulations during 2013/14 and appointed a Key Stage 1 teacher from its own budget without reference to the ICS budget. This school could reasonably have expected to receive 2 terms worth of financial support from the ICS fund. If approved this funding would stand at £26,004.
6. If approved, the requirement for funding from the £590,910 stands at £546,084 generating an underspend of £44,826.
7. This ring fenced fund has been sufficient to meet current identified need, if any further need is identified in-year this will be reported. Any underspend should be returned to Schools Forum and be rolled forward to the 2015/16 allocation.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Schools Forum:

1. Notes the content of the report and the allocations made from the growth fund.

2. Continues to monitor use of this fund throughout 2014-15, & considers the level of funding & criteria for future years, in light of any in-year allocations.
3. Considers confirming the indicative 3rd term funding for the 8 schools requiring 3 term support.
4. Considers retrospectively funding East Markham School for 2 terms ICS funding to the value of £26,004

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Pupil Growth Fund allocations as at June 2014

	£		
Abbey Primary – Mansfield	26,004		
St Peter's Primary – Mansfield	26,004		
Heyman Primary – Rushcliffe	26,004		
St Peter's Primary – Newark	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
Abbey Road – Rushcliffe	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
St Peter's – Bassetlaw	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
Pierrepoint Gamston – Rushcliffe	26,004		
Beardall Street – Ashfield	26,004		
Northfield Primary – Mansfield	26,004		
Bestwood Hawthorne – Gedling	39,006	+ indicative	13,002
Carlton Standhill – Gedling	13,002		
Arnold Mill Primary – Gedling	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
Prospect Hill infant – Bassetlaw	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
Holy Trinity Primary – Newark	26,004	+ indicative	13,002
Forest Town – Mansfield	26,004		
East Markham – Bassetlaw	26,004	+ indicative	13,002 + 26,004 retrospective
Totals	<u>416,004</u>	<u>104,016</u>	<u>26,004</u>
Grand total	<u>546,084</u>		