

REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUPIL GROWTH FUND (STAFFING AND NON-STAFFING) 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, schools do not experience financial detriment as a result of Basic Need expansion and ensure that where a PAN has grown by 25 or more the staffing impact at Key Stage 2 can be mitigated.

Information and Advice

2. Following the commitment of Schools Forum to the creation of a £800,000 pupil growth fund (staffing) and the establishment of a £200,000 (non-staffing) budget for 2014/15, criteria was agreed to ensure that this ring fenced fund was appropriately distributed to schools.
3. The funding of £600,000 for 2013/14 was underspent by £126,834 therefore the effective budget for 2014/15 stood at £1,126,834.
4. 9 schools received a 3rd term of PGF support in financial year 2014/15 (Appendix A) which was agreed previously. This funding amounted to £117,018
5. 4 schools received Key Stage 2 PGF support where their PAN had increased by 25 or more causing them to recruit an additional teacher, (Appendix A). This funding amounted to £107,328
6. This ring fenced fund has so far been allocated to 41 schools (see appendix A) to ensure that these schools do not: breach infant class sizes as a result of accepting a pupils above PAN, suffer an adverse financial impact in terms of energy and consumable costs or be faced with funding lagged staffing costs at Key stage 2.
7. PGF (staffing and non-staffing) has been agreed by Schools Forum to mitigate the impact of the pattern of lagged funding in schools expanded as a result of Basic Need expansions. The amount allocated currently stands at £912,982.
8. Beardall Fields Primary has indicated that its numbers are such that it no longer meets the criteria for PGF, consequently £26,832 will be clawed back.
9. 3 schools (Appendix A) will require a 3rd term of PGF funding to be carried forward from this allocation the following year. This carry forward will amount to £38,961.

10. Mornington Primary, Broxtowe anticipated breaching ICS and funded an additional teacher from reserves consequentially the school could not demonstrate a need. Without spending school reserves the school would have qualified for PGF support. The school would have received £26,832 in funding from PGF had they not used reserves.
11. If approved, the PGF requirement will be £912,982, from a budget of £1,126,834. Currently, the expected underspend on this budget stands at £213,852 made up of: £138,500 from non-staffing and £75,352 from staffing.
12. This ring fenced fund has been sufficient to meet current identified need, if any further need arises during the year this will be reported. Any underspend will be returned to Schools Forum and be rolled forward to the 2016/17 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 the use of this fund throughout 2015-16, & 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 3 schools requiring 3 term support.
4. Considers making a retrospective payment of £26,832 to Mornington Primary.

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Pupil Growth Fund allocations as at June 2015

Appendix A

		£
<u>3rd term carry forward schools</u>		
St Peter's	Newark	13,002
Abbey Road	Rushcliffe	13,002
St Peter's	Bassetlaw	13,002
Hawthorne	Gedling	13,002
Arnold Mill	Gedling	13,002
Prospect Hill Inf	Bassetlaw	13,002

East Markham	Bassetlaw	13,002
Holy Trinity Acad	Newark	13,002
Hillocks	Ashfield	13,002

Key Stage 2 schools

Heyman	Rushcliffe	26,832
Abbey	Mansfield	26,832
Chuter Ede	Newark	26,832
Northfield	Mansfield	26,832

Basic Need expansions 2013 – 2nd tranche

Dalestorth	Ashfield	26,832
Kingsway	Ashfield	26,832
Barnby Road	Newark	26,832

Basic Need expansions 2015 + Non- staffing

Wadsworth	Broxtowe	26,832 + 1,500 non-staffing
Hillocks	Ashfield	26,832 + 2,500 non-staffing
Butler's Hill	Ashfield	26,832 + 5,000 non-staffing
PP Gamston	Rushcliffe	26,832
Pinewood Inf	Gedling	26,832 + 2,500 non-staffing
Costock	Rushcliffe	26,832 + 12,987 indicative + 3,500 non-staffing
Central Inf	Gedling	26,832 + 2,500 non-staffing
Robert Mellors	Gedling	26,832 + 4,000 non-staffing
Stanhope	Gedling	26,832 + 5,500 non-staffing
Heatherley	Mansfield	26,832 + 10,000 non-staffing

Bulge year expansions 2015

John Davies	Ashfield	26,832 + 1,500 non-staffing
James Peacock	Rushcliffe	26,832
Hawthorne	Gedling	26,832
Abbey Hill	Ashfield	26,832
Bramble Acad	Mansfield	26,832

Over PAN/excepted & elevated recruitment admissions causing ICS breach

<i>Beardall Fields</i>	<i>Ashfield</i>	26,832
Edgewood	Ashfield	26,832 + 12,987 indicative
St Peter's Gringley	Bassetlaw	26,832
Cuckney	Bassetlaw	26,832
Kneesall	Newark	26,832 + 12,987 indicative
North Wheatley	Bassetlaw	10,000

Non-staffing only allocations

College House J	Broxtowe	7,500
Manor Park inf	Gedling	2,500
St Peter's J	Rushcliffe	3,000
Lambley	Gedling	5,000
Jeffries	Ashfield	2,500