

To: Headteachers of primary and high schools
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Dear Colleagues

Indicative Schools Block Allocations

Last term we consulted schools and the Schools Forum on the implementation of the local formula, in line with the national funding formula where affordable, for pupils in Reception to Year 11. The formula was presented to Schools Forum in January and will be taken to Cabinet for agreement on 22nd February. Schools Forum papers can be access through the following link [HERE](#).

The total allocation to schools has indicatively increased by £8.37m between 2022-23 (inclusive of the £7.94m supplementary grant) and 2023-24. Schools will also receive additional funding through the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) in 2023-24, on top of their schools block allocation, to support with meeting additional cost pressures. Individual school MSAG grant allocations will be published in spring 2023 but the indicative value of this across all Ealing schools is £9.85m and estimated allocations have been shared with schools.

We have now submitted details of the formula and the calculation of school allocations to the ESFA. Once political ratification has been received and the formula allocations have been validated by the ESFA in late February, the allocations for maintained schools will be finalised and used by the ESFA to replicate Ealing's formula for Academies and Free Schools but on an Academic Year basis. We do not anticipate significant changes will be required to the figures submitted.

To assist schools in budgeting we have published on the EGfL an excel spreadsheet which sets out the detail of each school's indicative individual allocations. Once we have political ratification and confirmation from the ESFA that their compliance checks have been completed, we will update this spreadsheet with the final figures if required.

To access your school's allocation from the site, on the spreadsheet named [Indicative schools block allocations 2023-24](#), insert your school's DfE number in the format of 307XXXX in cell **C9**. Your total school allocation before deductions for de-delegation, Education Functions and rates is shown in cell **J65** and after deductions for de-delegation, Education Functions and rates in cell **J76**. This latter figure is what you have to spend from the NFF allocation.

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Maintained Schools De-delegation and Education Functions (Cells J67 and 68)

For maintained schools, decisions on de-delegation towards funding certain services are made by primary and high school Forum representatives on behalf of their respective sectors. Deductions for education functions are made by all maintained primary and high school representatives. A breakdown of de-delegated Services is shown in **Column P**. Academies and Free Schools may purchase these services.

Education functions are for those statutory responsibilities the LA has for maintained schools. Multi-Academy Trusts make similar types of deductions for schools in their groups. For 2023-24, the Forum voted to increase the deduction for education functions to £34.93 per pupil. This includes £6.93 for Core School Improvement Functions, following the removal of the School Improvement and Brokerage Grant in full in 2023-24.

Rates (cell J75)

Following changes implemented last year, the ESFA will continue to pay business rates directly to billing authorities on behalf of all Ealing state funded schools in 2023-24. While the budget allocations received by schools are therefore exclusive of rates, and the impact on school budgets net nil, schools still need to account for their rates commitment in their CFR return through a manual adjustment. If schools have queries on this they should speak to their bursarial officer or, if they don't buy in, to accountancy.

Notional SEN Budget

Within school allocations, for many years LAs have identified an amount that is notionally for school responsibilities in respect of children at SEN Support and with Education Health and Care Plans. For 2023-24 the basis of the calculation of the notional amount has remained the same and has not changed for some time. The factors included in the calculation are shown in the table below. The notional cash sum is in cell **J69**.

Notional SEN Percentage value of factors	Primary	High
Basic per pupil entitlement	3%	3%
Lump Sum	3%	3%
Ever 6 FSM	50%	50%
IDACI	50%	50%
Low Prior Attainment	100%	100%
Pupil Mobility	25%	25%

Please share this information with your governing body and/or Trust. We will publish further details of allocations for other grants as these become available.

If you have any queries regarding the calculations, please email Stephen Bell BellS@ealing.gov.uk

Special Schools, PRUs and ARPs/Units

2023-24 budget allocations for special schools, pupil referral units, additionally resourced provisions and SEN units will be made available before the end of March at the latest, in line with regulations, although we will aim to publish these as early as possible.

We are mindful that schools will be beginning the 2023-24 budget setting process. If any maintained schools have concerns about being able to set a balanced budget, after the use of any balances, please email Kim Price kprice@ealing.gov.uk as early as you can to raise these concerns.

Yours sincerely

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