

REPORT TO: Schools Forum
DATE: 16 March 2015
REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division
SUBJECT: Top-Up Funding Levels for 2015-16

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report to the School Forum on the Top-Up Funding Rates for 2015-16.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The High Needs Block is under increasing pressure, especially the top-up funding costs. In order to bring the forecast spend into line with budget, we have had to apply a 1.5% reduction to top-up rates for Special Schools and Resource Bases. This has produced estimated savings of just under £50,000 in total. We have not increased the Enhanced Provision rates from their 2014-15 levels.

3.1 **Special Schools**

These are funded at £10,000 per place plus a top-up dependent upon each pupil's category of need and level of support. We want to review the banding structure of top-up funding within the Special Schools during 2015-16 to come into effect for 2016-17.

Appendix A shows the 2015-16 top-up values.

3.2 **Resource Bases**

Also funded at £10,000 per place plus a top-up dependent upon the unit. We have continued to use the 2012-13 funding level as the baseline and have re-calculated the top-up values based on pupil numbers as at January 2015. This gives each school funding that is as close as possible to their baseline.

Schools have been asked to confirm the numbers of pupils in each Resource Base. Some schools have yet to confirm the details so the finalised top-up values will be tabled at the meeting.

Appendix B shows the 2015-16 top-up values.

3.3 **Resource Base Service Level Agreements**

We are keeping the ASD Outreach and HI Signer SLA values at the same levels as for 2014-15. The KS2 and KS3/4 ASD units at Simms Cross and Saints Peter & Paul are funded for Outreach provision at £63,966.65. For The Grange we are funding at £127,933.30. The HI Signer SLA will be funded at £20,623.

3.4 **The Pupil Referral Unit**

PRU's are funded at £8,000 per place plus a top-up per pupil for the Summer Term, then at £10,000 per place plus a top-up for the Autumn and Spring Terms. Following the review of provision top-up values will be based on bands for each Key Stage, including a Bespoke Service band. Exact cash values have not yet been finalised.

3.5 **Enhanced Provision funding**

Schools are required to fund the first £6,000 of support for each pupil with SEN. It is only if a pupil requires support in excess of this £6,000 of Notional SEN (equivalent to 13 hours support in Primary schools or 16 hours support in Secondary schools) that top-up funding will be paid. The majority of schools receive top-up funding for Enhanced Provision either with or without a Statement.

As for previous years, the Financial Management Team will circulate details to Head Teachers of pupils in their schools who we believe are eligible for top-up funding each term. It is very important that these details are checked and the Financial Management Team notified whether they are correct or not. Incorrect details will result in incorrect funding.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

Appendix A

Summary of Special School Top-up Funding 2

Ashley	CI	Level 1	£ 7,982.11
	CI	Level 2	£ 28,618.79
	LC	Level 1	£ 3,563.43
	LC	Level 2	£ 24,200.12
	BESD	Level 1	£ 5,722.88
	BESD	Level 2	£ 26,359.57
	SPN	Level 1	£ 6,702.83
	SPN	Level 2	£ 27,339.51
Chesnut Lodge	CI	Level 1	£ 7,590.65
	CI	Level 2	£ 28,227.33
	LC	Level 1	£ 2,403.69
	LC	Level 2	£ 24,025.37
	BESD	Level 1	£ 5,442.22
	BESD	Level 2	£ 26,078.91
	SPN	Level 1	£ 6,374.11
	SPN	Level 2	£ 27,010.80
Brookfields	CI	Level 1	£ 5,755.57
	CI	Level 2	£ 26,392.26
	LC	Level 1	£ 2,569.45
	LC	Level 2	£ 23,206.14
	BESD	Level 1	£ 4,126.54
	BESD	Level 2	£ 24,763.23
	SPN	Level 1	£ 4,833.14
	SPN	Level 2	£ 25,469.82
Cavendish	CI	Level 1	£ 8,650.89
	CI	Level 2	£ 29,287.58
	LC	Level 1	£ 3,862.01
	LC	Level 2	£ 24,498.69
	BESD	Level 1	£ 6,202.38
	BESD	Level 2	£ 26,839.06
	SPN	Level 1	£ 7,264.42
	SPN	Level 2	£ 27,901.11

Appendix B

Special Unit Calculations 2015-16									
				Jan 15					
	Unit	No places	funding 12-13	Actual nos	1st pupil	subsequent	cash value	difference	
Primary									
The Grange	ASD KS1/2	14	£193,831.94	11	£5,891.61	£5,891.61	£204,807.71	-£10,975.77	
Simms Cross	ASD KS1/2	14	£200,453.36	10	£4,580.51	£4,580.51	£185,805.10	£14,648.26	
The Brow	Assessment	7	£88,475.62	7	£3,033.08	£3,033.08	£91,231.56	-£2,755.94	
Oakfield	Assessment	7	£91,069.06	6	£4,150.60	£4,150.60	£94,903.60	-£3,834.54	
Weston Point	EBD	7	£90,783.18	7	£5,117.85	£5,117.85	£105,824.95	-£15,041.77	
Woodside	EBD	7	£91,011.75	4	£4,139.31	£4,139.31	£86,557.24	£4,454.51	
Westfield	HI	6	£86,056.13	7	£5,133.06	£5,133.06	£95,931.42	-£9,875.29	
The Brow	SPL	10	£95,881.82	10	£0.00	£0.00	£100,000.00	-£4,118.18	
Palacefields Acad	SPL	10	£94,404.52	10	£0.00	£0.00	£100,000.00	-£5,595.48	
Oakfield	SPL	10	£99,504.39	8	£0.00	£0.00	£100,000.00	-£495.61	
The Grange	ASD outreach	5	£63,966.65		£0.00	£0.00	£127,933.30	£63,966.65	
Simms Cross	ASD outreach	5	£63,966.65		£0.00	£0.00	£63,966.65	£0.00	
Westfield	HI Signer	6	£20,623.00		£0.00	£0.00	£20,623.00	£0.00	
	Total budget		£1,280,028.07				£1,377,584.53	£30,376.84	
Secondary									
The Grange	ASD KS3/4	6	£94,172.98	6	£6,732.08	£6,732.08	£100,392.48	-£6,219.50	
Sts Peter & Paul	ASD KS3/4	6	£93,458.39	1	£19,700.00	£5,492.75	£79,700.00	£13,758.39	
Wade Deacon Acad	HI	6	£90,554.66	1	£19,700.00	£5,016.05	£79,700.00	£10,854.66	
The Grange	SLCN	10	£107,222.50	8	£1,422.83	£1,422.83	£111,382.64	-£4,160.14	
The Bankfield	SLCN	10	£107,318.88	4	£1,029.87	£1,029.87	£104,119.48	£3,199.40	
The Grange	ASD outreach	5	£63,966.65		£0.00	£0.00	£127,933.30	£63,966.65	
Sts Peter & Paul	ASD outreach	5	£63,966.65		£0.00	£0.00	£63,966.65	£0.00	
Wade Deacon Acad	HI Signer	6	£20,623.00		£0.00	£0.00	£20,623.00	£0.00	
	Total budget		£641,283.71				£687,817.55	£81,399.46	