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**Report to Haringey Schools Forum:
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Report Title: High Needs Block (HNB) Section 251 Commissioned Places 2023-24 update
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<p>Purpose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To inform members of the Section 251 (S251) commissioned specialist places for 2023-24 as part of reporting to the Department for Education.2. To note the latest published HNB budget for 2023-24 and deductions made by the Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA).

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report updates Schools' Forum in accordance with the Schools Forum Regulations 2012 requiring Schools' Forum to meet regularly and the local authority to report and consult with School Forum concerning the Dedicated Schools Grant and various related matters.
- 1.2 The section 251 return is a statutory return that Local authorities (LA's) are required to complete under section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. A requirement is for LA's to prepare and submit to the Secretary of State for Education an education and children and young people's services budget statement at the end of April 2023 for the prescribed period. The prescribed period for this budget statement covers 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- 1.3 This paper updates Schools' Forum on one of the sections that the local authority reports with commissioned places or PAN numbers of Special schools, Alternative Provision (AP) and Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) places that are funded from the HNB, one of the four blocks of the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) for the financial year 2023/24.
- 1.4 This report is to update Schools' Forum in their capacity of having the strategic oversight of High Needs budget (HNB) funding implications that directly inter-relate with the Safety Valve ongoing work for 2023/24.

2. Section 251 HNB Places for 2023/24

2.1 Table 1 below details an extract from the Department for Education (DfE) S251 budget statement system.

S251 Budget 2023-24 - High Needs Places Table Report

Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

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Local Authority: 309 Haringey

School Name	DfE Number	Type of Establishment	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Places		SEN Place Funding	Alternative Provision (AP) Places		AP Place Funding	Hospital Education Places		Hospital Education Place Funding	Total Place Funding
			April 2023 to August 2023	September 2023 to March 2024	April 2023 to March 2024 (£)	April 2023 to August 2023	September 2023 to March 2024	April 2023 to March 2024 (£)	April 2023 to August 2023	September 2023 to March 2024	April 2023 to March 2024 (£)	April 2023 to March 2024
West Green Primary School	2051	Mainstream	8.00	8.00	£48,000.00	0.00	0.00					£48,000.00
The Mulberry Primary School	3001	Mainstream	18.00	18.00	£108,000.00							£108,000.00
Haringey Learning Partnership	1101	PRU				118.00	118.00	£1,180,000.00	12.00	12.00	£225,000.00	£1,405,000.00
Blanche Neville School	7000	Special	62.00	62.00	£620,000.00							£620,000.00
Vale School	7001	Special	114.00	114.00	£1,140,000.00							£1,140,000.00
The Brook Special Primary School	7005	Special	119.00	119.00	£1,190,000.00							£1,190,000.00
Riverside School	7006	Special	140.00	140.00	£1,400,000.00							£1,400,000.00
Grand Total:			461.00	461.00	£4,506,000.00	118.00	118.00	£1,180,000.00	12.00	12.00	£225,000.00	£5,911,000.00

Table 1 – S251 HNB Commissioned places 2023/24

2.2 The HNB supports provision for pupils and students with SEND who require additional resources to participate in education and learning, from their early years to age 25 in schools and colleges (excluding students aged 19 to 25 who do not have an EHC plan or students who are over the age of 25) and pre-16 pupils in AP who, because of exclusion, illness, or other reasons, cannot receive their education in mainstream schools. In support for specialist provision, the HNB supports both **place funding** and **top up funding** for the specialist provisions and numbers may change during the academic year due to demand for special places within Haringey and agreement between the local authority (commissioner) and provision/setting for the pupils is necessary to manage this budget.

2.2 Out of Borough (OOB) children may be placed within Haringey provision, but priority should always be given for Haringey pupils for the specialist places, due to high demand. Funding for OOB places is supported from the local authority HNB for place funding (i.e., £10,000) but top up funding is paid by the OOB local authority directly to the provision or setting in support of the pupil(s) educational attendance in school.

2.3.1 Special School budget 2023/24

Special school **PLACE** funding budget for 2023/24 details as table 2:

PLACE FUNDING								
Table 2 - HNB Special School budgets 2023-24	S251 Places 2023-24	S251 Place Funding at £10k per place	School PAN	HNB 2023-24	ACTUAL PLACES Jan 23	Places S251 difference	Funded OOB Places (Jan23)	HNB Funding above S251 2023-24
	No	£	No	£	No	No	No	£
Blanche Nevile School	62	£620,000	68	£680,000	63	1	46	£10,000
Riverside School	140	£1,400,000	147	£1,470,000	157	17	15	£170,000
The Brook Primary	119	£1,190,000	126	£1,260,000	122	3	11	£30,000
Vale School	114	£1,140,000	115	£1,150,000	115	1	13	£10,000
Sub total	435	£4,350,000	456	£4,560,000	457	22	85	£220,000
	£4,350,000		£4,560,000		£4,570,000		£850,000	



3.4% - 2022/23 places	£250,000
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BUDGET REQUIRED	£4,820,000
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2.3.2 Place funding:

- S251 budget return to the DfE is 435 special school places £4.350m
- Published Admission Number (PAN) is 456 budget of £4.560m.
- January actual places were 457 £4.570m, 1 place (£10k)

- 85 Out of Borough (OOB) places costing £850k is included and funding allocated to the settings.
- Earmarked 3.4% £250k uplift (22/23 places)

2.3.3 Special School TOP UP budget for 2023/24 details as table 3:

TOP UP FUNDING									
Table 3 - HNB Special School budgets 2023-24	S251 Places 2023 24	Banding(s)	S251 Top Up Funding per place	Budget S251 Top Up Funding	School PAN	HNB BUDGET 2023-24	ACTUAL PLACES Jan 23	Places OVER PAN	* OOB 2023-24
	No		£	£		£	£	No	No
Blanche Nevile School	62	3	£24,000	£456,000	68	£632,000	63	1	46
		2	£13,000	£65,000					
Riverside School	140	3	£24,000	£3,226,001	147	£3,528,000	157	17	15
The Brook Primary	119	3	£24,000	£2,806,600	126	£3,024,000	122	3	11
Vale School	114	Medical	£27,909	£2,315,726	115	£2,760,000	115	1	13
		3	£24,000						
Total	435			£8,869,327	456	£9,944,000	457	22	<i>*paid by OOB LA</i>



SAP BUDGET 23/24	£9,944,000
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BUDGET REQUIRED	£9,944,000
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2.3.4 Total Special School budgets for 2023/24 as detailed in table 4:

- Both place funding and top up places are now being reviewed termly meetings to confirm places, OOB numbers and agree any variations due to the monitoring and delivery of the Safety Valve Programme. Any decision to go over the number of commissioned special school places must be agreed between the Head and the Local Authority. The Local Authority does not have to allocated full place funding to additional places as per HNB guidance.

TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS BUDGET 2023/24								
Table 4 - HNB Special School budgets 2023-24	S251 Places 2023-24	ACTUAL PLACE Funding Jan 23	Funded OOB Places Jan 23	TOTAL PLACE FUNDING	TOTAL TOP UP FUNDING	TOTAL 2023/24	P5 Monitoring	Variance
		No	No	£	£	£	£	£
Blanche Nevile School	62	63	46	£1,090,000	£632,000	£1,722,000	£15,310,991	£53,009
Riverside School	140	157	15	£1,720,000	£3,528,000	£5,248,000		
The Brook Primary	119	122	11	£1,330,000	£3,024,000	£4,354,000		
Vale School	114	115	13	£1,280,000	£2,760,000	£4,040,000		
Sub total	435	457	85	£5,420,000	£9,944,000	£15,364,000	£15,310,991	£53,009
		£4,570,000	£850,000					

Place and top up budget for Haringey maintained special schools' is **£15.4m**.

2.4 Resource base budgets 2023/24 detailed in table 5 below:

Resource bases within mainstream schools are funded at £6,000 per commissioned place plus agreed top up for pupils attending the education setting. Pupils attending the bases are funded Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) of £4,000 from school's block. Any additional places commissioned over S251 budget are paid at £10,000. OOB pupils are supported by Haringey HN budget for HN place funding and top up from the pupils resident LA.

RESOURCE BASES within Mainstream										
Table 5 - HNB Resource Base School budgets 2023-24	S251 Places 2023-24	School block AWPU	S251 PLACE Funding £6k per place	Budget S251 Top Up Funding	School agreed no's	HNB BUDGET 2023-24 PLACE	HNB BUDGET 2023-24 TOP UP	ACTUAL PLACES Jan 23	Places OVER agreed no's	* OOB top up 2023-24
	No	£	£	£	No	£	£	No	No	No
Westgreen Primary	8	£32,000	£48,000	£8,000	8	£48,000	£64,000	8	0	0
Mulberry Primary	18	£72,000	£108,000	£18,000	18	£108,000	£324,000	24	6	** 6
Total	26		£156,000		26	£156,000	£388,000	32	6	
						£544,000				
						£60,000				
						£604,000				
										*top up paid by OOB LA
										**place paid by Haringey £60k

2.5 Resource base funding from the HN budget is **£604k**.

2.6 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) S251 budget and alternative Provision (AP) as detailed in table 6 below:

New budget April 2023	AP Full time Placements and Outreach- (including respite, reintegration dual roll- 6th day PEX, managed transfers)	AP Tuition in the community per Full time place including outreach and home tuition	Non- core SEMH places @£28,000	Simmons House Tier 4	Total Core Place and top up funding	Total Places including Outreach and Dual roll funding	
New number of places	*58	**28	***20	12	118	118	
Total place £10,000 and top up £13,292	£1,350,936	£652,175		£225,000	£2,228,111	£2,228,111	
Additional non AP post 16 and SEMH			£560,000		£560,000	£560,000	
Total AP and non AP						£2,788,111	
Teachers Pay and Pension HNB- AP						£97,720	
plus uplift HNB AP						£114,340.57	
Total budget for service delivery (not including pupil premium, FSM, APST and SAFE taskforce grants)						£3,000,171.57	

Table 6 – PRU and AP funding

- S251 reporting of 118 places, including 12 hospital places inclusive of top ups **£2.228m**
- SEMH places **£560k**
- 3.4% uplift **£114k**
- Teachers Pay and Pension grant is paid outside of HN budget from a separate grant.

Recommendation (ii): School Forum are asked to:

Note S251 commissioned places and top ups supported from High Needs Budget for 2023/24

3 High Needs Budget 2023/24

The High Needs Budget allocation was last reported to Schools' Forum in July of £57.338m less recoupment of £2.313m. Recoupment is deducted from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), High Needs block and paid to academies and free schools directly for commissioned places and administered by the Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA). Table 8 below details recoupment places. It should be noted that top ups are paid from the LA's HN budget directly to the settings.

Table 8 - HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2023/24 Recoupment											
PROVISION	Setting	April 2023 to August 2023		September 2023 to March 2024		DEDUCTION (£)	Academic year (place numbers)		Financial year (place numbers)		
		No	£	No	£						
Pre-16 special educational needs places	Special free school - THE GROVE	89	£370,833	113	£659,167	£1,030,000	89	113	37	66	103
Post-16 special educational needs places	Special free school - THE GROVE	April 2023 to July 2023		August 2023 to March 2024		DEDUCTION (£)	Academic year (place numbers)		Financial year (place numbers)		
		No	£	No	£						
		20	£66,667	12	£80,000	£146,667	20	12	7	8	15
Alternative provision academies and free schools	Pre-16 alternative places - HEP	April 2023 to August 2023		September 2023 to March 2024		DEDUCTION (£)	Academic year (place numbers)		Financial year (place numbers)		
		No	£	No	£						
		3	£12,500	2	£11,667	£24,169	3	2	1	1	2
16 to 19 academies and free schools	Post-16 special educational needs places - HARINGEY 6TH FORM COLLEGE	April 2023 to July 2023		August 2023 to March 2024		DEDUCTION (£)	Academic year (place numbers)		Financial year (place numbers)		
		No	£	No	£						
		122	£244,000	134	£536,000	£780,000	122	134	41	89	130
Further education (FE) and independent learning provider (ILP) places	FE and ILP places - THE HARINGTON SCHEME LTD	April 2023 to July 2023		August 2023 to March 2024		DEDUCTION (£)	Academic year (place numbers)		Financial year (place numbers)		
		No	£	No	£						
		50	£100,000	51	£204,000	£304,000	50	51	17	34	51
	FE and ILP places - ADA NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR DIGITAL SKILLS	4	£8,000	5	£20,000	£28,000	4	5	2	3	5
HIGH NEEDS DEDUCTION						£2,312,835	288	317	104	202	306

Recommendation (iii): School Forum are asked to note:

The latest 2023/24 High Needs budget less recoupment.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 The schools' forums (England) regulations 2012 govern the constitution and conduct of meetings of the forum. The schools finance (England) regulations 2012 determine those matters on which the local authority must or may consult the school's forum and those in respect of which the school's forum can make decisions. These regulations make provision for the financial arrangements of local authorities in relation to the funding of maintained schools and providers of prescribed Early Years provision in England.

5. Other implications

- a. Risk management – None
- b. Contractual issues – None
- c. Staffing issues – None
- d. Customer impact – None
- e. Safeguarding children – None
- f. Health issues – None
- g. Crime and Disorder - None
- h. Property/Asset Issues - None

Background papers used in the preparation of the report:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2023-to-2024>

[National funding formula for schools and high needs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-for-schools-and-high-needs)

[The national funding formulae for schools and high needs \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-funding-formulae-for-schools-and-high-needs)

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