

Agenda Item 8



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Report Title: Growth Fund 2017-18 Update

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Purpose:

To inform members of the Growth Fund liabilities for 2017-18.

Recommendations:

1. For Members information, regarding total cost of 2017/18 Growth Fund set out in Table 1.

1. Introduction.

- 1.1. The funding changes introduced in April 2013 allow a local authority, with the approval of its Schools Forum, to top-slice a contingency for in year increases in pupil numbers. The Fund applies equally to maintained schools and recoupment academies and is design to cover required in-year growth in forms of entry and not general variations in numbers experienced during the year.
- 1.2. Schools Forum agreed to allocate £1.1m to a Growth Fund for the 2017-18 financial year
- 1.3. Officers are required to report all payments made against the Growth Fund to Schools Forum at least once a year. Any unspent Growth Fund will be carry forward and added to the formula allocations for the following financial year.

2. Criteria.

The criteria agreed by Forum for allocations from the Fund are:

- support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
- Planned new form of entry approved by the Local Authority:
 - Classroom funding based on 7/12 months * appropriate basic per pupil entitlement * expected number in class; plus
 - A set-up allocation of £500 for each pupil in a standard class size for the relevant setting.
- In-year bulge class:
 - Start up and classroom costs as above;
- support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
- Ghost funding guarantee KS1:
 - Minimum basic per-pupil funding for 24 pupils in a bulge class established in a previous year: and
- KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils as a result of appeals (further details of this criteria are set out in the Annex):
 - A lump sum equivalent to the funding of a main-scale 1-teacher £32.8k pro-rata to the part of the year.

3. Proposed Allocations.

- 3.1. Table 1 sets out the resources now available in the Growth Fund and the proposed calls against it.

Table 1. Summary of Resources and Allocations to Date.

School	2015-16 Adjustments	2016-17 Adjustments	2017-18 Payments	Total	Total
Growth Fund Budget					-£1,100,000
Growth Fund Payments:					
Alexandra Primary			£78,750	£78,750	
Bounds Green Infant			£78,750	£78,750	
Heartlands High	£119,797	£1,370	£159,924	£281,091	
Rhodes Avenue Primary			£78,750	£78,750	
Welbourne Primary			£78,750	£78,750	
Brook House Primary		£8,200		£8,200	
Coldfall Primary		£8,200	£13,667	£21,867	
North Harringay Primary		£0	£13,667	£13,667	
Rhodes Avenue Primary		£8,200	£32,801	£41,001	
St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant		£8,200		£8,200	
St Mary's CE Primary		£19,134		£19,134	
St Mary's RC Infant		£19,134		£19,134	
St Michael's Primary - N6		£19,134		£19,134	
Total Growth Fund Paid	£119,796.75	£91,571.81	£535,058.98		£746,427.54
Growth Fund Remaining					- £353,572.46

4. Recommendations.

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Annex.

Circumstances in which KS1 oversize class funding will be provided.

The legal position is:

Infant class size – *Infant classes (those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single school teacher. Additional children may be admitted under limited exceptional circumstances. These children will remain an ‘excepted pupil’ for the time they are in an infant class or until the class numbers fall back to the current infant class size limit. The excepted children are:*

- a) children admitted outside the normal admissions round with statements of special educational needs specifying a school;*
- b) looked after children and previously looked after children admitted outside the normal admissions round;*
- c) children admitted, after initial allocation of places, because of a procedural error made by the admission authority or local authority in the original application process;*
- d) children admitted after an independent appeals panel upholds an appeal;*
- e) children who move into the area outside the normal admissions round for whom there is no other available school within reasonable distance;*
- f) children of UK service personnel admitted outside the normal admissions round;*

In these circumstances, therefore, it is not necessary to take on an additional teacher; however, it has been the practice in Haringey, and other councils, to continue to provide funding for KS1 classes forced to exceed 30 pupils. The DfE in its allowable criteria recognises this practice and we recommend that it continue as an incentive to schools to willingly accommodate these pupils at the start of their school career. Our recommendations are:

- That class size funding continues in the circumstances shown above.
- That KS1 class size funding recognises the local arrangement that requires a school to take a twin even when this puts the school over number.
- That only one enhancement is made per school even if more than one KS1 class is over-size.