

Hillingdon Schools Forum
2023-24 Schools Block Budgets

Date of meeting:	18 th January 2023
Time of meeting:	1.00 pm
Venue:	Teams
Officer presenting the report:	Coral Miller

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Schools Forum with the 2324 Schools block budget with the 2 options reviewed by the Local authority and to consult with the Schools forum on the option chosen by the Local authority.
- 1.2 This report also informs the Schools Forum of the 2324 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding announced by the Government on 16th December 2022 which informs the Council of the indicative amount that will be received for 2023/24 for Education.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Schools Forum are asked to note the content and comment as required.

3. Dedicated Schools Grant Funding 2022/23

- 3.1 The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) published the draft authority level DSG allocations for the schools, central school services, early years, and high needs blocks on 16 December 2022.
- 3.2 The main driver for the determination of DSG funding is pupil numbers which in Hillingdon have increased overall in October 2022 compared with the previous year as detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1

	Oct-21	Oct-22	Diff	%
Primary	26,945	26,997	52	0.002
Secondary	17,659	18,055	396	2.242
Total	44,604	45,052	448	

- 3.3 Table 2 sets out the published baseline DSG budget for 2023/24, compared to the 2022/23 DSG allocation updated in November 2022

Table 2

Funding Block	DSG Budget 2022/23 £000	DSG Budget 2023/24 £000	Change in Budget £000	Increase %
Schools	251,897	267,406	15,509	6.2
High Needs	56,152	62,084	5,932	10.6
Central Services	2,540	2,480	-60	-2.3
Early Years	25,914	26,897	983	3.8
Total DSG Budget	336,503	358,867	22,364	6.6

4. Proposals for Use of Schools Block Budget part of the DSG in 2023/24

Background of the Schools block budget (Extracted from Schools Operational Guide)

- 4.1 Local authorities will only be allowed to use NFF factors in their local formulae. This means that **the looked after children (LAC) factor** will no longer be an allowable factor
- 4.2 Local authorities **must use all NFF factors** – except for the locally determined premises factors which remain optional. This means that Local authorities will have to use all 3 deprivation factors (FSM, FSM6 and IDACI), as well as LPA, EAL, mobility, sparsity and the lump sum.
- 4.3 Local authorities must **move their local formula factor values at least 10% closer to the NFF**, except where local formulae are already mirroring the NFF. These criteria do not apply to locally determined factors – notably the premises factors.
- 4.4 Local authorities must use **the NFF definition for the EAL factor**, although flexibility over the sparsity factor methodology will remain in 2023 to 2024
- 4.5 Local authorities have the freedom to set the MFG in their local formulae between +0.0% and +0.5% per pupil.
- 4.6 Local authorities continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block to other blocks of the DSG, with schools forum approval.

Background (Extracted from the Schools Operational Guidance 16th December 22)

Growth funding is within local authorities' schools block DSG allocations. For 2023 to 2024, it will be calculated using the same methodology as previous year, based on the growth in pupil numbers between the October 2021 and October 2022 censuses.

To support local authorities to plan ahead of their growth allocation in the DSG settlement, the department will send information allowing local authorities to input their own forecast of pupil numbers in the October 2022 census and estimate the growth funding they could expect to receive in 2023 to 2024. Growth allocations will be communicated to each local authority within their DSG settlement.

No local authorities received growth funding protection in 2022 to 2023 and there will be no further protection offered in 2023 to 2024.

Growth Fund Contingency

As it is within the Schools block, a movement of funding from the schools formula into the growth fund would not be treated as a transfer between blocks. The Schools forum still needs to be consulted on the total growth fund.

A review of the Growth Fund Contingency requirement, which provides funding for expanding schools and funding for significant in-year growth, estimates that the budget in 2023/24 should be £1,209k, a decrease of £286k from the previous year. The

2023/24 allocation does not include any overspends from 2022/23. The calculations include 1 growing Primary School, 2 Growing Secondary school and contingency for funding of year 7 pupils over pan in Secondary schools etc.

The growth funding allocated through the funding formula for 2023/24 is £1,650k which is sufficient to cover the growth requirement due to an overall increase in Pupil number of 440 in Hillingdon and is an increase from 2022/23 of £817k.

See Appendix A

5. Proposed Two Options for the Indicative School block Budget for 2023/24

As per the previous Schools Forum reports we are now permitted to be within 10% of the Hard National Funding formula, therefore the Authority pro-forma tool (APT) will only accept factor amounts that are within the Minimum and Maximum amounts permitted. Please see Appendix B.

2 options have been put together based on the new restricted criteria.

Option 1:

- This uses the 2023 to 2024 APT minimum level
- The Lump Sum has been increased to £142,000
- The funding share between Primary and Secondary remains similar to 2022/23 with 1:1.31 respectively, last year it was 1:1.30.
- Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) has been calculated at approx. £122k and 4 Schools on MFG which represents 0.05%.

Option 2:

- This uses the 2023 to 2024 APT maximum level upto the amount available to distribute, therefore not all the maximum factors could be used as the Hillingdon allocation is not great enough to fund all the maximum factors.
- The Lump Sum has been increased to £143,000
- The funding share between Primary and Secondary remains similar to 2022/23 with 1:1.31 respectively, last year it was 1:1.30.
- The increase in individual schools has been capped at 8%
- Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) has been calculated (see below). The MFG which represents 0.02%:
 - Capping is approx. £130k.
 - MFG increases to approx. £195k and 9 Schools
 - Net effect is approx. £65k

Please see the Appendix C which shows the possible effect on each Schools and Academy within the Schools block.

This budget is still indicative as there is still some financial aspect of the tool to be reviewed as follows:

- Split site funding, the DFE within the tool will not accept any funding that does meet their strict criteria, this is new for this financial year and hasn't previously

been part of the APT. Hence additional information is required to justify this is meeting the DFE criteria. If the DFE are not satisfied this funding will need to go back into the funding pot and be redistribute as part of the formula funding.

- Rate, the DFE require the estimated inflation rate, this has not been applied yet to the rates within the APT formula.
- Growing schools confirmation.
- Unoccupied High needs block places.
- Some technical issues maybe identified once we finalise the preferred Option.

6. The Local Authority recommendation

Both Options has pros and cons, they both has roughly the same amount of gainers. The Schools and Academies that has reduced funding in 23/24 from 22/23 has had a reduction in the number on roll. Please refer to Appendix C.

The Local authority is leaning to Option 2 but welcome the Schools Forum views on both Options.

The reason for leaning towards Option 2 is:

- That it keeps increases to individual schools to 8% and funding over that 8% gets redistributed to other Schools which have less increases.
- There are more schools within the MFG because in previous APT the schools was not capped, therefore the increases have been over that level are now protected.

However happy to take comments from the Schools block forum representatives.

Appendix A

23-24 Growth Fund Provision

GROWTH CONTINGENCY FUND - EXPANDING SCHOOLS ALLOCATIONS 2023/24				
Expanding Schools Factor 2023/24			£76,874.69	£76,874.69
School		2021/22 Proposed/ Continued Expansion Forms of Entry	2022-23 Allocation Estimate (Contingency) £	2023-24 Allocation Estimate (Contingency) £
Primary				
✓	Warrender	1	£76,874.69	£76,874.69
Total Primary		2	£76,874.69	£76,874.69
Secondary				
✓	Northwood			
✓	Oak Wood	1	£76,874.69	
✓	Park Academy			
✓	Queensmead			
✓	Rosedale College			
✓	Ruislip Community	1	£76,874.69	£74,981.00
✓	Swakeleys		£153,749.38	
✓	Uxbridge High			
✓	Vyners	2	£153,749.38	£153,749.38
	Contingency	7	£537,373.46	£584,373.46
Total Secondary		11	£998,621.62	£813,103.85
Total Expanding Schools Funding		13	£1,075,496.31	£889,978.54
			£3.00	
Basic Need Academies				
✓	Lake Farm - Diseconomies Funding			
✓	John Locke - Diseconomies Funding			
✓	St Martins - Diseconomies Funding		£44,900.00	
	Contingency Basic need academies			£44,900.00
Total Basic Need Academies Funding			£44,900.00	£44,900.00
Growth Contingency Academies Summer term			£374,905.00	£274,552.47
Total Growth Contingency Fund			£1,495,300.00	£1,209,430.00
Primary			£121,774.69	£121,774.69
Secondary			£1,373,526.62	£1,087,656.32
			£1,495,301.31	£1,209,431.01
				£285,870.30

Appendix B

Factor Formula which gives the minimum and maximum amount that can be used in each factor.								
Local authority name	Factor	2023 to 2024 authority proforma tool (APT) minimum	2023 to 2024 APT maximum	2022 to 2023 APT maximum	2023 to 2024 Option 1	2023 to 2024 Option 2	Variance between Option 2 minus Option 1	
Hillingdon	Primary basic entitlement	£3,646.25	£4,004.61	£3,834	£3,996.25	£3,744.61	-£251.64	
Hillingdon	KS3 basic entitlement	£5,140.64	£5,404.26	£4,971	£5,217.77	£5,145.26	-£72.51	
Hillingdon	KS4 basic entitlement	£5,793.83	£6,090.94	£5,682	£5,873.32	£5,793.94	-£79.38	
Hillingdon	Primary FSM	£63.42	£542.12	0	£542.12	£542.12	£0.00	
Hillingdon	Secondary FSM	£63.42	£542.12	0	£542.12	£542.12	£0.00	
Hillingdon	Primary FSM6	£757.40	£1,192.28	£1,110	£1,110.00	£1,100.28	-£9.72	
Hillingdon	Secondary FSM6	£1,106.55	£1,577.97	£1,444	£1,444.00	£1,327.97	-£116.03	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI F	£130.27	£259.77	£105	£130.27	£259.77	£129.50	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI E	£230.57	£316.24	£210	£230.57	£316.24	£85.67	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI D	£353.04	£496.94	£315	£353.04	£446.94	£93.90	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI C	£452.22	£542.12	£421	£452.22	£542.12	£89.90	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI B	£547.90	£576.00	£526	£547.90	£576.00	£28.10	
Hillingdon	Primary IDACI A	£672.76	£756.71	£631	£672.76	£756.71	£83.95	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI F	£175.35	£378.35	£136	£175.35	£278.35	£103.00	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI E	£315.71	£502.59	£274	£315.71	£402.59	£86.88	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI D	£463.32	£700.24	£410	£463.32	£600.24	£136.92	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI C	£598.10	£768.00	£547	£598.10	£668.00	£69.90	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI B	£726.81	£824.47	£684	£726.81	£824.47	£97.66	
Hillingdon	Secondary IDACI A	£882.16	£1,050.36	£821	£882.16	£1,050.36	£168.20	
Hillingdon	Primary EAL3	£623.11	£792.05	£791	£623.11	£792.05	£168.94	
Hillingdon	Secondary EAL3	£1,282.76	£1,767.54	£1,192	£1,282.76	£1,767.54	£484.78	
Hillingdon	Primary LPA	£722.34	£1,304.48	£632	£722.34	£1,294.42	£572.08	
Hillingdon	Secondary LPA	£1,825.39	£1,976.48	£1,767	£1,825.39	£1,976.48	£151.09	
Hillingdon	Primary mobility	£1,015.24	£1,067.30	£989	£1,015.24	£1,017.30	£2.06	
Hillingdon	Secondary mobility	£1,457.27	£1,536.01	£1,417	£1,457.27	£1,466.01	£8.74	
Hillingdon	Primary lump sum	£137,513.38	£146,906.51	£140,000	£142,000.00	£143,000.00	£1,000.00	
Hillingdon	Secondary lump sum	£137,513.38	£146,906.51	£140,000	£142,000.00	£143,000.00	£1,000.00	
Hillingdon	Primary sparsity	£7,564.49	£63,586.16	0	£7,564.49	£63,586.16	£56,021.67	
Hillingdon	Secondary sparsity	£11,012.91	£92,499.23	0	£11,012.91	£92,499.23	£81,486.32	
Hillingdon	Middle-school sparsity	£11,012.91	£92,499.23	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!	
Hillingdon	All-through sparsity	£11,012.91	£92,499.23	N/A		N/A	#VALUE!	
				Capped the gains	0%	8%		
				Amount	0	-£130,139		
				Number		5		
				MFG				
				Amount	121,892	£195,876		
				Number	4	9		
				Ratio	1:1.31	1:1.31		

Appendix C

INDICATIVE BUDGETS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Subject to change)									
Comparison for Option 1 and Option 2									
New ISB									
Name of the Schools	Post De-delegation			Variance		Charge in NOR			
	2022/23 Allocation	2023/24 Option 1	2023/24 Option 2	1 Option 1	Option 2	2022/23	2023/24	Var	
Barnhill Community High School	£9,049,450	£9,635,219	£9,552,518	£585,769	£503,068	1,223	1,232	9	
Belmore Primary Academy	£2,778,015	£2,937,329	£2,950,823	£159,314	£172,809	555	549	-6	
Bishop Ramsey Church of Engl	£5,625,017	£6,068,434	£6,030,035	£443,417	£405,017	956	984	28	
Bishop Winnington-Ingram CofE	£999,048	£1,056,856	£1,046,118	£57,808	£47,070	194	195	1	
Bishopshalt School	£5,872,838	£6,232,132	£6,217,281	£359,295	£344,443	929	929	0	
Botwell House Catholic Primary	£3,022,664	£3,205,763	£3,216,625	£183,099	£193,961	625	625	0	
Bourne Primary School	£1,029,345	£1,076,204	£1,073,785	£46,859	£44,440	192	191	-1	
Brookside Primary School	£1,719,574	£1,780,689	£1,788,853	£61,115	£69,279	319	315	-4	
Charville Academy	£2,107,394	£2,134,749	£2,150,576	£27,355	£43,182	415	394	-21	
Cherry Lane Primary School	£3,056,732	£3,269,329	£3,300,461	£212,596	£243,729	598	594	-4	
Colham Manor Primary School	£2,925,458	£3,072,003	£3,077,505	£146,545	£152,047	579	575	-4	
Coteford Infant School	£1,004,666	£1,035,349	£1,038,101	£30,682	£33,435	185	178	-7	
Coteford Junior School	£1,494,361	£1,537,403	£1,539,075	£43,043	£44,715	303	289	-14	
Cowley St Laurence CofE Prim	£1,926,974	£2,115,622	£2,117,612	£188,647	£190,638	378	393	15	
Cranford Park Academy	£3,998,997	£4,077,333	£4,122,235	£78,337	£123,239	812	789	-23	
De Salis Studio College	£907,533	£1,132,989	£1,146,189	£225,456	£238,656	116	140	24	
Deansfield Primary School	£2,933,166	£3,049,196	£3,007,544	£116,031	£74,378	625	622	-3	
Dr Triplett's CofE Primary Scho	£2,006,241	£2,136,997	£2,139,205	£130,755	£132,964	411	415	4	
Field End Infant School	£1,356,294	£1,465,925	£1,464,413	£109,631	£108,119	258	268	10	
Field End Junior School	£1,799,699	£1,866,428	£1,848,420	£66,729	£48,721	368	356	-12	
Frithwood Primary School	£1,817,679	£1,908,519	£1,900,775	£90,840	£83,096	385	391	6	
Glebe Primary School	£2,746,377	£2,807,417	£2,766,157	£61,041	£19,780	601	588	-13	
Global Academy	£1,071,578	£1,096,468	£1,094,257	£24,890	£22,679	131	127	-4	
Grange Park Infant and Nursery	£1,550,049	£1,479,069	£1,492,515	£-70,980	£-57,534	286	263	-23	
Grange Park Junior School	£1,998,081	£2,175,702	£2,186,818	£177,621	£188,737	400	414	14	
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy	£7,734,885	£8,349,860	£8,324,915	£614,975	£590,030	1,371	1,405	34	
Harefield Infant School	£926,900	£940,985	£951,728	£14,086	£24,828	171	162	-9	
Harefield Junior School	£1,373,485	£1,329,045	£1,344,998	£-44,440	£-28,487	267	237	-30	
Harlington School	£7,012,838	£7,438,079	£7,462,233	£425,241	£449,395	1,023	1,019	-4	
Harlyn Primary School	£2,193,722	£2,124,476	£2,117,795	£-69,247	£-75,928	451	416	-35	
Harmondsworth Primary Schoo	£1,039,030	£1,100,417	£1,101,249	£61,386	£62,219	192	192	0	
Haydon School	£8,251,407	£8,699,433	£8,691,556	£448,026	£440,149	1,360	1,333	-27	
Hayes Park School	£2,864,079	£2,954,101	£2,945,044	£90,022	£80,965	610	595	-15	
Heathrow Primary School	£1,926,228	£2,127,627	£2,127,819	£201,400	£201,592	382	397	15	
Hermitage Primary School	£2,038,507	£2,139,718	£2,111,097	£101,211	£72,590	414	408	-6	
Hewens College	£3,258,809	£3,643,966	£3,713,417	£385,156	£454,608	439	458	19	
Hewens Primary School	£1,873,995	£2,028,921	£2,019,895	£154,925	£145,900	378	390	12	
Highfield Primary School	£1,510,474	£1,597,667	£1,580,192	£87,193	£69,718	295	291	-4	
Hillingdon Primary School	£3,060,792	£3,227,941	£3,246,197	£167,149	£185,405	632	633	1	
Hillside Infant School	£980,405	£1,006,621	£1,018,467	£26,216	£38,062	171	172	1	
Hillside Junior School	£1,203,976	£1,230,544	£1,230,824	£26,569	£26,848	233	224	-9	
Holy Trinity CofE Primary Scho	£949,033	£1,003,673	£990,284	£54,641	£41,251	193	190	-3	
John Locke Academy	£2,629,945	£2,776,054	£2,743,297	£146,109	£113,352	585	586	1	
Lady Bankes Primary School	£2,816,439	£2,704,398	£2,669,692	£-112,040	£-146,746	582	564	-18	
Lake Farm Park Academy	£3,006,360	£3,274,775	£3,303,685	£268,415	£297,325	603	617	14	
Laurel Lane Primary School	£1,511,651	£1,910,622	£1,939,045	£398,971	£427,394	273	315	42	
Minet Infant and Nursery Schoo	£1,730,216	£1,989,406	£2,054,661	£259,190	£324,445	303	328	25	
Minet Junior School	£2,194,432	£2,418,299	£2,431,006	£223,868	£236,574	420	435	15	
Nanaksar Primary School	£499,281	£633,653	£633,326	£134,372	£134,046	75	99	24	
Newnham Infant and Nursery Sc	£1,284,711	£1,339,107	£1,329,632	£54,396	£44,920	263	261	-2	
Newnham Junior School	£1,650,584	£1,722,130	£1,700,484	£71,546	£49,899	356	356	0	
Northwood School	£5,642,883	£5,927,757	£5,917,026	£284,874	£274,143	883	893	10	
Oak Farm Primary School	£2,688,528	£2,705,905	£2,685,859	£17,377	£-2,669	559	550	-9	
Oak Wood School	£6,699,487	£7,962,559	£7,995,130	£1,263,072	£1,295,643	990	1,095	105	
Park Academy West London	£4,966,041	£5,668,997	£5,691,487	£702,956	£725,447	711	759	48	
Parkside Studio College	£594,835	£432,852	£441,412	£-161,983	£-153,422	60	36	-24	
Pinkwell Primary School	£2,789,349	£2,998,392	£3,040,964	£209,043	£251,616	542	547	5	
Queensmead School	£7,394,675	£7,813,386	£7,783,401	£418,711	£388,726	1,198	1,201	3	
Rabbsfarm Primary School	£2,892,748	£3,272,891	£3,314,524	£380,143	£421,776	550	585	35	
Rosedale College	£5,347,621	£5,874,978	£5,874,909	£527,356	£527,288	778	827	49	
Rosedale Primary School	£1,904,485	£1,983,636	£1,992,351	£79,151	£87,866	376	375	-1	
Ruislip Gardens Primary Schoo	£1,607,050	£1,456,614	£1,448,255	£-150,435	£-158,795	312	266	-46	
Ruislip High School	£5,947,640	£6,541,445	£6,490,328	£593,806	£542,688	973	1,018	45	
Ryefield Primary School	£1,873,588	£2,057,046	£2,037,718	£183,458	£164,130	380	389	9	
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary	£2,767,054	£2,875,398	£2,847,929	£108,344	£80,875	625	627	2	
St Andrew's C of E Primary Sch	£941,613	£1,053,962	£1,054,684	£112,349	£113,071	177	184	7	
St Bernadette Catholic Primary	£1,768,950	£1,969,113	£1,938,449	£200,163	£169,500	383	407	24	
St Catherine Catholic Primary S	£1,091,663	£1,143,783	£1,157,721	£52,120	£66,058	203	201	-2	
St Martin's Church of England P	£1,507,982	£1,732,310	£1,746,725	£224,329	£238,743	293	301	8	
St Mary's Catholic Primary Sch	£1,072,989	£1,134,466	£1,129,158	£61,477	£56,169	212	211	-1	
St Matthew's CofE Primary Sch	£2,001,224	£2,157,869	£2,182,337	£156,644	£181,113	398	400	2	
St Swithun Wells Catholic Prima	£985,018	£1,036,772	£1,032,523	£51,754	£47,504	204	208	4	
Swakeleys School for Girls	£7,025,832	£7,685,124	£7,657,449	£659,292	£631,617	1,129	1,167	38	
The Breakspear School	£2,645,699	£2,767,933	£2,718,688	£122,234	£72,990	593	592	-1	
The Douay Martyrs Catholic Sc	£7,866,161	£8,393,427	£8,385,739	£527,267	£519,579	1,263	1,279	16	
The Harefield Academy	£2,007,902	£1,939,774	£1,997,587	£-68,128	£-10,316	275	240	-35	
UTC Heathrow	£810,776	£770,978	£768,789	£-39,798	£-41,987	90	79	-11	
Uxbridge High School	£7,413,240	£7,900,089	£7,914,296	£486,849	£501,056	1,121	1,127	6	
Vyners School	£6,408,189	£7,170,557	£7,120,382	£762,369	£712,193	1,086	1,154	68	
Warrender Primary School	£1,510,308	£1,719,069	£1,689,905	£208,760	£179,597	322	352	30	
West Drayton Academy	£3,127,980	£3,247,248	£3,299,604	£119,268	£171,624	621	612	-9	
Whitehall Infant School	£1,686,736	£1,741,731	£1,762,615	£54,995	£75,878	310	301	-9	
Whitehall Junior School	£1,967,700	£2,114,295	£2,118,112	£146,595	£150,412	378	385	7	
Whiteheath Infant & Nursery Sc	£1,284,861	£1,255,613	£1,249,687	£-29,248	£-35,174	261	240	-21	
Whiteheath Junior School	£1,518,597	£1,636,723	£1,603,529	£118,126	£84,932	329	337	8	
William Byrd Primary Academy	£2,609,790	£2,897,109	£2,921,560	£287,319	£311,770	516	539	23	
Wood End Park Academy	£4,133,257	£4,464,490	£4,474,938	£331,233	£341,681	838	864	26	
Leading Infant and Nursery Sch	£1,899,663	£2,012,714	£2,049,547	£113,052	£149,884	338	345	7	
Leading Junior School	£2,356,924	£2,550,754	£2,546,652	£193,830	£189,729	461	460	-1	
Schools	£249,078,448	£266,132,403	£266,132,403	£17,053,954	£17,053,954	44,624	45,052	428	