



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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MEETING DATE	29 November 2018
AGENDA ITEM 5	2018-19 Growth Funding allocations
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the Schools' Forum: a) Notes the growth funding 2018-19 allocations b) Agrees that AMSI allocation is funded through Schools in Financial Difficulty

1 Explicit Growth Funding 2018-19

- 1.1 Explicit growth funding is a Forum agreed top-sliced amount which supports those schools who meet the funding guidelines issued by the DfE and will fund either bulge, permanent expansions or additional adhoc classes
- 1.2 Forum have previously agreed the 2018-19 explicit growth fund budget; 400k.
- 1.3 A previous report presented to Forum in May 2018 showed the initial allocations to be made through the explicit growth fund budget.
- 1.4 The latest methodology for allocating additional funds for schools who are experiencing a specific type of growth in their roll numbers had been discussed and agreed at Forum in May 2018. Applicable methodology for 2018-19 can be seen in Appendixes A & B.
- 1.5 This report seeks to provide final allocations following the finalisation of the October 2018 census and asks Forum to note the methodology used. The table below demonstrates the allocations for 2018-19:

	PAN From	PAN To	Fin Yr Start	Fin Yr Finish	Bulge Class	Permanent Expansion	Total	NOTES
Ambler (30)	30	60	2013/14	2019/20		60,083	60,083	
Hargrave Park (15)	30	45	2013/14	2019/20		57,458	57,458	
Winton (30)*	30	60	2015/16	2021/22	48,906		48,906	Current NOR in bulge class = 39, protection applies*
Moreland (30)	30	60	2016/17	2022/23		60,083	60,083	
AMSI (30)**	150	180	2016/17	2022/23		65,333	65,333	NOR not reached, fund from Schs in Financial Difficulty
Central Foundation (30)	150	180	2018/19	2022/23		65,333	65,333	
Totals					48,906	308,290	357,196	
Budget							400,000	
2018-19 Under spend							42,804	

- 1.6 For those schools in blue a separate methodology will apply:

- Winton – as previously agreed by Forum in May 2015, protection arrangements will apply to any school who admitted a bulge class but falls below 50 NOR in the cohort. For Winton, this protection arrangement will apply. Based on current roll numbers, the school has only 39 pupils in the year it admitted the bulge class. Therefore,

based on the protection arrangements shown in appendix A, Winton would receive the following funding as explicit growth:

	Oct 18 NOR	Protected NOR	Nos to protect	Unit of Funding	Total
Base Rate	39	50	11	£3,246	£35,706
Other Factor funding	39	50	11	£1,200	£13,200
Total funds to allocate					£48,906

- AMSI – In 2016-17 the school increased their PAN to 150. However, actual pupil numbers have not met expectations and are considerably short of the revised PAN. Funding has been committed to the school for this financial year but consideration is being given to future years' pupils numbers. For 2018-19 it is recommended that this funding is instead drawn down from the Schools in Financial Difficulty budget allowing an underspend in the growth fund to be carried forward for future years' funding pressures.

2 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 Schools' Forum are asked to note the 2018-19 explicit growth fund allocations as shown in table 1.5.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the previously committed funding relating to AMSI is funded through the Schools in Financial Difficulty budget and not the explicit growth fund.

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Appendix A:

DFE requirements for allocating Pupil Growth Funding

The DfE Operational Guidance stipulates the following when agreeing the formula for allocating pupil growth funds:

- where a school or academy has agreed with the authority to provide an extra class in order to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or as an ongoing commitment)
- additional support where a school has extended its age range
- support where a school has temporarily increased its PAN by x or more pupils in agreement with the authority
- support for KS1 classes where overall pupil numbers exceed a multiple of 30 by x or fewer pupils
- pre-opening costs / initial equipping allowance / diseconomy of scale allowance for new maintained schools and academies, including new academies where the school is opening in response to basic need

Islington methodology for allocating funds for Bulge Classes & Additional Classes

Growth funding would be provided to a Primary school where they fall into one of the following criteria, which has been agreed by the LA and is necessary to meet population growth:

- a school is permanently expanding
- they admit a bulge class
- a one and a half form entry school increases to two form on a temporary basis
- a one and a half form entry school agrees to take over numbers

Funding would be allocated to schools who meet the criteria on the following basis:

In the financial year the new class opens, and assuming the additional class starts in September, the school will receive an in-financial year budget adjustment to reflect the anticipated increase in pupil numbers:

1. 7/12ths - average salary costs for a teacher;
2. 7/12ths - average salary costs for a teaching assistant;
3. £300 per pupil towards additional resources and materials

Protection Arrangements

For a bulge class of 30:

The school will receive funding for the additional pupils as part of the main budget, in the year following the additional class starting. However, the protection will apply to the numbers over the standard PAN. If the pupil numbers in fall below 50 the following protections will apply:

- Protection to 20 pupils for the full year Base Rate (£3,246.00), plus other formula factors (£1,200)

Appendix B:

Bulge Class Additional Pupil Funding - Primary

----- Bulge Class - 30 Pupils -----

			Start-up Year	Year 1	Year 2
			30 Pupils	20 Pupils	20 Pupils
			Lump Sum (in-year allocation)	Base Rate + Other Factor Funding	Base Rate + Other Factor Funding
			7 months	£3,246.00 £1,200.00 Full Year	£3,246.00 £1,200.00 Full Year
Increase to Base Budget:					
Base Rate - Receive through Funding Formula				64,920	64,920
Other Factor Funding - Receive through Funding Formula				24,000	24,000
Add'l costs:	Full Year	7 months			
Teacher Cost (Thresh 1)	-59,000	-34,417			
Teaching Assistant (Sc5)	-35,000	-20,417			
	-94,000	-54,833	54,833	-94,000	-94,000
Resources (£300 / pupil)	-300	-175	5,250		
Add'l funds to the school			60,083	-5,080	-5,080