



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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SCHOOL FORUM

MEETING DATE	20 May 2021
AGENDA ITEM 6	High Needs Place Numbers 2021-22
RECOMMENDATIONS	That Schools Forum ratify place numbers

1. Background

- 1.1. Determination of place numbers at maintained special schools and resource units is an annual process.
- 1.2. Numbers of current placements are taken from the current year January school census. These numbers are then reviewed with each school to assess need for the coming financial year.
- 1.3. The local authority informs and requests the view of Schools Forum on funded place numbers.

2. High Needs Places (maintained) 2021-22

- 2.1. Place numbers: numbers used for maintained special schools are those occupied as at January 2021 school census date. Should unexpected demand for places arise in year, the LA will discuss provision with the school and determine any additional funding required

Laycock Primary registered 71 pupils in the hearing unit at census data but the pattern of placements varies during year, historically showing lower numbers in autumn term rising to a maximum number in the spring term. Therefore, their standard number of places is agreed at 64.

- 2.2. Top up funding: funds available for individual pupils in special school, resource unit and PRU settings was increased by 4%. This is in line with the increase applied to top up funding for Islington pupils attending mainstream schools.

The additional top up allocated to special schools and the PRU to reflect historic premises funding was rolled into pupil top up post the increase. A new element of top up is now shown separately to identify the teacher pay and pension grant allocations that continue to be paid to special schools outside of the high needs block.

- 2.3. Funded place numbers for the 2021-22 financial year are shown below:

School	Agreed Places Pre-16 2021-22	Agreed Places Post 16 2021-22	TOTAL	Agreed Places Pre-16 2020-21	Agreed Places Post 16 2020-21	TOTAL
New River College	108		108	108		108
Richard Cloudesley	63	24	87	63	22	85
Samuel Rhodes	101	23	124	95	21	116
Laycock	64		64	64		64
TOTAL	336	47	383	330	43	373

3. **Recommendations**

3.1. Schools Forum are asked to ratify the place numbers 2021-22

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