CITY OF WESTMINSTER

SCHOOLS' FORUM 28th MARCH 2022 REPORT BY LEAD STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS GRANT

Purpose of the report

Further to the information provided at the January Forum within paper A4, this report sets out additional detail pertaining to the Supplementary Schools Grant (SSG) as well as the indicative allocations for schools.

FOR INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In addition to the DSG, mainstream schools will receive a supplementary grant in 2022/23 worth £1.2 billion. For early years and post-16 provision, the grant is being provided in respect of the Health and Social Care Levy. For primary and secondary provision, the grant is being provided in respect of both the Health and Social Care Levy and other cost pressures, giving schools additional resources to raise attainment, increase teacher pay and continue to rise to the challenges of Covid response and recovery. Additionally, the DfE have advised that this grant should cover energy price increases.
- 1.2 The indicative allocation of the SSG for Westminster is £3.690m. Final allocations for the SSG will be confirmed in Spring 2022, based on final pupil and FSM6 data.

2 FUNDING RATES

- 2.1 The funding rates consist of the following three elements, which are based on factors already in the schools national funding formula:
 - A basic per-pupil rate (with different rates for primary, key stage 3 and key stage 4).
 - A lump sum paid to all schools, regardless of pupil numbers
 - A per-pupil rate for pupils who are recorded as having been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (FSM6), with different rates for primary and secondary pupils.

- 2.2 The base rates below will be adjusted to take into account geographical variation in labour costs. The area cost adjustment rate for Westminster used for the 2022/23 schools NFF is 1.18623.
- 2.3 <u>Early Years</u>

The base per-pupil funding rate for early years provision in schools, and for maintained nursery schools, will be **£24 per pupil**.

Mainstream Schools

The base funding rates for 5-16 schools will be:

- Lump sum of £3,680 for primary and/or secondary schools. (Schools with only early years or post-16 provision will not receive this).
- Basic per-pupil rate of £97 for primary pupils, including pupils in year R
- Basic per-pupil rate of £137 for key stage 3 pupils
- Basic per-pupil rate of £155 for key stage 4 pupils
- Additional funding of £85 per primary pupil and £124 per secondary pupil recorded as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (FSM6).

<u>Post-16</u>

The base per-student funding rate for **16-19 provision** in schools, including 16 to 19 schools and academies, will be **£35 per student**.

3 ALLOCATIONS

- 3.1 School-level allocations will be published in spring 2022 and will show the total funding allocated for each applicable phase of provision. Conditions of grant will be published alongside the school-level allocations.
- 3.2 For early years, allocations will be calculated by multiplying the per-pupil funding rate (with the ACA applied) by the pupil count using data from the January 2022 census.
- 3.3 For primary, secondary and all-through school provision, allocations will be calculated by multiplying the relevant funding rates (with the ACA applied) by the pupil count, and FSM6 pupil count, using data from the October 2021 school census. The allocations will also include the lump sum amount.
- 3.4 For post-16, allocations will be calculated by multiplying the per-student funding rate (with the ACA applied) by the student count using data from the 2022 to 2023 16 to 19 allocations.
- 3.5 Schools which are closing in the 2022 to 2023 financial year will have their allocations pro-rata for the portion of the year that they are open.
- 3.6 This funding is expected to be incorporated into core school budget allocations from 2023-24.

- 3.7 The DfE have published a calculator to give schools a close estimation of the funding they will receive through the Schools Supplementary Grant this is linked at the bottom of this report.
- 3.8 Appendix A is the LA estimate of proposed allocations for each WCC school (excluding early years and post 16 pupils). These are not the final figures which will be calculated by the DfE.

4 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Schools Forum are asked to note the information provided in this paper and the indicative allocations of the Supplementary Schools Grant (SSG) in <u>Appendix A.</u>

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Background Papers

Appendix A – SSG Estimated Allocations

Schools supplementary grant 2022 to 2023 calculator Schools_supplementary_grant_indicative_allocations_calculator_tool.xlsx (live.com)

Schools supplementary grant 2022 to 2023 guidance

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-supplementary-grant-2022-to-2023