



Appendix 2 - DSG 2025/26 and comparison to the latest 2024/25 Budget  
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Block	S251 Line ref.	Summary Line	A			B		B - A	
			£	£	£	£	£		
			2024/25			2025/26		Budget Variation from previous year increase / (decrease)	
			Original Budget	In Year Budget adjustments	Latest Budget	Original Budget			
	1.0.1	Maintained - Primary	21,857,817	-	21,857,817	23,368,299		1,510,482	
Schools Block -	1.0.1	Maintained - Secondary	-	-	-	-		-	
Individual School	1.0.1	Academy Recoupment - Primary	51,116,719	-	51,116,719	55,030,746		3,914,027	
Block allocations	1.0.1	Academy Recoupment - Secondary	79,882,002	-	79,882,002	87,609,751		7,727,749	
	1.0.1	NNDR - recoupment all schools	945,863		945,863	1,199,623		253,760	
<b>Subtotal Individual School Block allocations</b>			<b>153,802,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,802,401</b>	<b>167,208,419</b>		<b>13,406,018</b>	
Schools block -	1.1.9	De-delegated - Staff costs (Public duties) - Primary	4,495	-	4,495	4,468		(27)	
Centrally retained	1.4.10	Growth Fund	635,980	191,763	827,743	422,966		(404,777)	
<b>Schools Block Total</b>			<b>154,442,876</b>	<b>191,763</b>	<b>154,634,639</b>	<b>167,635,853</b>		<b>13,001,214</b>	
Early Years	1.0.1	9mth - 2 y/o provision - eligible working parents	1,485,345	270,115	1,755,460	5,850,634		4,095,174	
	1.0.1	2 y/o provision - eligible working parents	2,151,002	217,501	2,368,503	3,947,921		1,579,418	
Early Years	1.0.1	2 y/o provision - disadvantaged entitlement	1,642,036	(335,507)	1,306,529	1,373,572		67,043	
	1.0.1	3 and 4 y/o provision - Universal	7,452,615	(166,008)	7,286,607	7,664,623		378,016	
	1.0.1	3 and 4 y/o provision - Additional eligible working parents	2,541,303	191,727	2,733,030	2,874,815		141,785	
	1.0.1	Disability Access Fund	148,330	-	148,330	164,150		15,820	
	1.0.1	Early Years Pupil Premium	347,681	(74,276)	273,405	401,309		127,904	
	1.0.1	EY SEND Inclusion Fund *	222,021	2,572	224,593	308,335		83,742	
	1.3.1	Central Expenditure (CE) on Children under 5	517,194	24,447	541,641	643,692		102,051	
	1.0.1 & 1.3.1	One off investments funded from Reserves	-	297,000	297,000	284,000		(13,000)	
<b>Early Years Block Total</b>			<b>16,507,527</b>	<b>427,571</b>	<b>16,935,098</b>	<b>23,513,051</b>		<b>6,577,953</b>	
<b>High Needs Block total</b>			<b>38,381,908</b>	<b>234,001</b>	<b>38,615,909</b>	<b>37,954,311</b>		<b>(661,598)</b>	
Central block	1.4.1	Contribution to combined budgets	429,888	-	429,888	429,888		-	
	1.4.14	Copyright Licenses	158,594	21,408	180,002	193,723		13,721	
	1.4.2	School Admissions	294,317	-	294,317	318,367		24,050	
	1.4.3	Servicing of School Forums	18,700	-	18,700	18,700		-	
	X.X	new 202526 grant increases for centrally employed teachers	-	-	-	39,451		39,451	
	X.X	Protected Centrally Employed teacher employer pension contributic	95,322	-	95,322	95,322		-	
	1.5.1/1.5.2/1.5.3	Retained duties *	481,800	-	481,800	494,528		12,728	
<b>Subtotal excluding Contribution to combined budgets</b>			<b>1,048,733</b>	<b>21,408</b>	<b>1,070,141</b>	<b>1,160,091</b>		<b>89,950</b>	
<b>Central Block total</b>			<b>1,478,621</b>	<b>21,408</b>	<b>1,500,029</b>	<b>1,589,979</b>		<b>89,950</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>210,810,932</b>	<b>874,743</b>	<b>211,685,675</b>	<b>230,693,195</b>		<b>19,007,520</b>	
<b>DSG - Funding Income *</b>									
		Schools - Individual Schools Block (ISB) Retained - Primary	(21,862,312)	-	(21,862,312)	(23,372,767)			
		Schools - ISB Academy Recoupment	(130,998,721)	-	(130,998,721)	(142,640,496)			
		Schools - NNDR Recoupment All Schools	(945,863)	-	(945,863)	(1,199,624)			
		<b>Schools block - ISB subtotal</b>	<b>(153,806,896)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(153,806,896)</b>	<b>(167,212,887)</b>		<b>(13,405,991)</b>	
		Growth fund	(932,812)	-	(932,812)	(503,844)		428,968	
		<b>Schools block subtotal</b>	<b>(154,739,708)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(154,739,708)</b>	<b>(167,716,731)</b>		<b>(12,977,023)</b>	
		<b>Central block</b>	<b>(1,345,248)</b>	<b>(21,408)</b>	<b>(1,366,656)</b>	<b>(1,397,304)</b>		<b>(30,648)</b>	
		Early years - (9 mth to 2 y/o) - eligible working parents	(1,586,524)	(288,516)	(1,875,040)	(6,117,680)		(4,242,640)	
		Early years - (2 yr olds) - eligible working parents	(2,297,508)	(232,315)	(2,529,823)	(4,127,592)		(1,597,769)	
		Early Years - (2 yr olds) - eligible disadvantaged entitlement	(1,676,848)	342,620	(1,334,228)	(1,402,693)		(68,465)	
		Early Years - (3&4 yr olds - Universal)	(7,718,621)	171,933	(7,546,688)	(7,938,198)		(391,510)	
		Early Years - (3&4 yr olds - Additional eligible working parents)	(2,632,012)	(198,570)	(2,830,582)	(2,977,428)		(146,846)	
		Early Years - Disability Access Fund	(148,330)	-	(148,330)	(164,150)		(15,820)	
		Early Years (EY) - Pupil Premium	(347,683)	74,276	(273,407)	(401,310)		(127,903)	
		EY DSG - current anticipated funding adjustment for 24/25	-	-	-	-		-	
		EY DSG - final funding adjustment for 23/24	-	-	-	-		-	
		<b>Early years block subtotal</b>	<b>(16,407,526)</b>	<b>(130,572)</b>	<b>(16,538,098)</b>	<b>(23,129,051)</b>		<b>(6,590,953)</b>	
		High Needs Funding	(25,464,909)	440,002	(25,024,907)	(27,232,311)			
		High Needs Recoupment	(8,506,000)	(674,002)	(9,180,002)	(9,622,000)			
		<b>High Needs block total</b>	<b>(33,970,909)</b>	<b>(234,000)</b>	<b>(34,204,909)</b>	<b>(36,854,311)</b>		<b>(2,649,402)</b>	
<b>DSG Funding Total</b>			<b>(206,463,391)</b>	<b>(385,980)</b>	<b>(206,849,371)</b>	<b>(229,097,397)</b>		<b>(22,248,026)</b>	
<b>DSG Reserves Funding - * Early Years</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>(297,000)</b>	<b>(297,000)</b>	<b>(284,000)</b>		<b>13,000</b>	
<b>DSG Reserves Funding - * Central Block</b>			<b>(133,373)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(133,373)</b>	<b>(192,675)</b>		<b>(59,302)</b>	
<b>DSG Reserves Funding - * High Needs block</b>			<b>(4,511,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,511,000)</b>	<b>(1,200,000)</b>		<b>3,311,000</b>	
<b>DSG Reserves Funding - * Growth</b>			<b>296,832</b>	<b>(191,763)</b>	<b>105,069</b>	<b>80,878</b>		<b>(24,191)</b>	
<b>Total Net DSG Budget</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0)</b>		<b>(0)</b>	

Retained Duties \* - ongoing funding (former ESG) to support LA Statutory duties - Child and Educational Leadership, Planning and Budget planning, monitoring, Education Welfare and Asset Management

DSG Reserves Funding \* - as displayed through respective Education Board / School Forum papers

DSG Funding income \* - as per the 19 Nov 2024 DfE DSG 2024 25 funding allocation and 18 Dec 2024 DfE DSG 202526 funding allocation

EY SEND Inclusion Fund \* - is increased by a further £100,000 from the High Need block funds transferred to the Early Years block

Appendix 3 - DSG Growth fund rates from September 2025

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			DSG Financial Year - April to March							
			Final	Final	Original	Est.	Est.	Est.	Est.	
			2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 *	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	
			Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24	Oct-25	Oct-26	Oct-27	Oct-28	
			Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-25	Sep-26	Sep-27	Sep-28	Sep-29	
Key	School census date:									
	Start of Academic year									
A A1	Primary Pupil no.s	actual census count	14,761	14,811	14,756					
		estimated census count								
		census growth from previous year	-96	50	(55)					
		% of previous years local growth applied to MSOA growth for the following year		311%	53%					
		*MSOA growth from previous year	59	187	80					
B B1	Secondary Pupil no.s	* Local growth (new classes required for this no. of pupils) - est.	60	150	30	-	-	-	-	
		local growth equivalent no. of new classes (FYI only)	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	
C D	DfE unit funding rate	actual census count	12,027	12,288	12,434					
		estimated census count				12,434	12,434	12,434	12,434	
		census growth from previous year	256	261	146	0	0	0	0	
		% of previous years local growth applied to MSOA growth for the following year	252%	230%	535%	535%	150%	150%	150%	
		* MSOA growth from previous year	303	276	161	37				
E = A * C F = B * D	DfE Calculated Growth fund	* Local growth (new classes required for this no. of pupils) - est.	120	30	0	0	0	0	0	
		local growth equivalent no. of new classes (FYI only)	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	
G	Growth fund awarded	ACA adjustment applied	1.004	1.004	1.004	1.004	1.004	1.004	1.004	
		Primary per pupil	£1,525	£1,556	£1,576	£1,576	£1,576	£1,576	£1,576	
		Secondary per pupil	£2,283	£2,329	£2,359	£2,359	£2,359	£2,359	£2,359	
H = E + F + G	Final budgetted growth fund - April to March	Secondary compared to primary ratio	49.7%	49.7%	49.7%	49.7%	49.7%	49.7%	49.7%	
		DfE Calculated Growth fund total	£89,235	£290,138	£125,276	-	-	-	-	
		Secondary	£690,629	£642,674	£378,568	£87,000	-	-	-	
		<b>total</b>	<b>£779,864</b>	<b>£932,811</b>	<b>£503,843</b>	<b>£87,000</b>	-	-	-	
		Growth fund awarded	£779,864	£932,811	£503,843	£87,000	-	-	-	
		Any local available movement within School Block DSG allocation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		<b>Final budgetted growth fund - April to March</b>	<b>£779,864</b>	<b>£932,811</b>	<b>£503,843</b>	<b>£87,000</b>	-	-	-	
Local Growth fund rates	I J	%	10%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
		% rate uplift from Previous years rate								
		Growth funded unit rates for each academic year	Primary per pupil	£4,315	£4,444	£4,533	£4,533	£4,533	£4,533	£4,533
	I * 30 J * 30	Equivalent annual funding to support a new class	Secondary per pupil	£5,117	£5,271	£5,376	£5,376	£5,376	£5,376	£5,376
			Secondary compared to primary ratio	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%
	K K - H	Total growth fund forecast - April to March	Primary	£129,450	£133,320	£135,990	£135,990	£135,990	£135,990	£135,990
			Secondary	£153,510	£158,130	£161,280	£161,280	£161,280	£161,280	£161,280
			Growth funding forecast *	Primary *	£123,104	£496,725	£357,078	£56,663	-	-
			Secondary *	£707,090	£348,093	£65,888	-	-	-	-
			Exceptional Asylum support Growth *	£44,603	£5,753					
		<b>overspend / (underspend)</b>	<b>£874,798</b>	<b>£850,571</b>	<b>£422,965</b>	<b>£56,663</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	
		<b>Cumulative overspend / (underspend)</b>	<b>£94,934</b>	<b>(£82,240)</b>	<b>(£80,878)</b>	<b>(£30,338)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
			<b>£105,069</b>	<b>£22,828</b>	<b>(£58,050)</b>	<b>(£88,388)</b>	<b>(£88,388)</b>	<b>(£88,388)</b>	<b>(£88,388)</b>	
FYI only	NFF local AWP Rate	Primary (Years R - 6)	£3,406	£3,575	£3,861	£3,861	£3,861	£3,861	£3,861	
		Secondary (KS3 - Year 7 - 9)	£4,802	£5,040	£5,442	£5,442	£5,442	£5,442	£5,442	
		Secondary compared to primary ratio	41.0%	41.0%	40.9%	40.9%	40.9%	40.9%	40.9%	

\* MSOA "Middle Super Output area" - defined by office for the national statistics and school postcode information. Schools are categorised into MSOA population area's and only positive growth within a MSOA area is counted

\* Local growth (new classes required for this no. of pupils) - as agreed by the School Admissions team and please note this can only ever be best estimate up until the Sept intakes are confirmed. Changes can also occur in year. The local growth shown is presented on a confirmed basis, so excludes futher potential growth from planning projects as these are not yet confirmed.

\* 2025/26 - Note this year and onwards are forecast estimates for planning purposes only. And can include any year group bulge (where new classes are required)

\* MSOA growth from previous year - For forecasting processes is caveated that this is again, best estimates for future years. Determined by Final Oct census no.s of each year, and what would fall into MSOA growth is subject to a number of variations outside of the planned school class growth alone. This Model will therefore be updated each year, once the DfE have supplied the actual growth fund amount for the following financial year.

\* Growth funding forecast applicable for maintained schools is 7/12's of the year only, as their core DSG funding is applied and updated from April. Academy core DSG funding applies from Sept, so a full years growth funding is applied before that years new intake class is included in their core DSG allocation.

\* Growth funding methodology - is managed on a long term basis, allowing any one year to either over or underspend provided the total allocation of growth is affordable within the life cycle of the planned growth

\* Exceptional Asylum Seeker growth - As approved at the June 2023 Education Board. Agreed for 2022/23 and 2023/24 funding years (back dated payments applied in 2023/24 financial year). Stops 31st March 24 for an eligible Maintained School, 31st August 2024 for an eligible Academy School

