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**Extract from the Department for Education “2013-14 Revenue Funding arrangements: operational guidance for Local Authorities”**

*.... The main change is that funding for significant pupil growth can be retained centrally before the formula is calculated, and that funding for additional classes needed as a consequence of infant class size regulations can be funded as part of this. The requirements are that:*

*a. the growth fund can be used only for the purposes of supporting growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need and to support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation;*

*b. the fund must be used on the same basis for the benefit of both maintained schools and recoupmnt Academies;*

*c. any funds remaining at the end of the financial year must be added to the following year's DSG and reallocated to maintained schools and Academies through the local formula;*

*d. local authorities will be required to produce criteria on which any growth funding is to be allocated. These should provide a transparent and consistent basis (with differences permitted between phases) for the allocation of all growth funding. The criteria should both set out the circumstances in which a payment could be made and provide a basis for calculating the sum to be paid; and*

*e. local authorities will need to propose the criteria to the Schools Forum and gain its agreement before growth funding is allocated. The local authority will also need to consult the Schools Forum on the total sum to be top-sliced from each phase and must regularly update the Schools Forum on the use of the funding.*