

Schools Forum

Date: Thursday 10 November 2022
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Microsoft Teams

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Virtual meeting via Teams

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WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**Voting and Actions of the meeting held on 29th September 2022****Microsoft Teams meeting 14:00 – 16:00 pm****SCHOOL FORUM MEMBERS**

Alison Davies	The Avon Valley School (Maintained)
Alison Ramsay	Nicholas Chamberlaine School (Academy)
Carrie Clare	Park Lane Primary & Race Leys Junior (Academy)
Faye Padfield	Abbots Farm Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Joss Andrews	Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery (Maintained)
Michael Cowland	The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust
Nicci Burton	Atherstone and Bedworth Heath Nursery School (Maintained)
Nick Evans	Evergreen School (Special Maintained)
Paul Gillett	Representative from a Teacher's Union
Peter Husband	16-19 Partnership Sector
Philip Johnson	Whitestone Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Rebecca Harrison	Park Hill Thorns Federation (Maintained)
Ricky Emms	The Priors School (Academy)
Sarah Bromley	PVI - Castle Nursery
Siobhan Roberson	Harris Church of England School (Academy)
Stephanie Ferries	Bridgetown Primary School (Maintained)
Sybil Hanson	Coventry Church of England Diocese Representative

OFFICERS/OBSERVERS

Brian Smith	Education, Children and Families Technical Specialist
Dalbir Kaur	Accountant, Children & Education - Clerk to Schools Forum
Duane Chappell	Strategy & Commissioning Manager (SEND)
Kamaljit Kaur	Senior Accountant (Team Lead) Children & Education
Mandy Latham	Early Years Entitlement, Sufficiency and Business Lead Commissioner
Purnima Sherwood	Service Manager for Finance
Ross Caws	Lead Commissioner - Strategy and Commissioning

1. Apologies (Started 0:0:20, Ended 0:1:25)

Please note: the start and the end time is the recording time of the meeting.

Apologies were received from the following members:

Amy Woodward	North Leamington School (Academy)
Andy Mason	Stratford Upon Avon School (Academy)
Andrew Felton	Assistant Director - Finance
Catherine Crisp	Hillmorton Primary School Rugby (Maintained)
Colin Atkins	Shipston High School (Academy)
Chris Baird	Assistant Director - Education Services
Ian Budd	Assistant Director - Education Services
Jane Burrows	Myton School (Academy)
Councillor Kam Kaur	Portfolio Holder for Education
Mary Anne Burrows	PVI - Burrow Nursery
Rose Gunn	Arden Forest Infant School (Maintained)
Stephanie Phillips	Senior Accountant (Team Lead) - Children & Education

The following members did not attend and did not give their apologies:

Hilary Ward	Central England Academy Trust (Special Academy Governor)
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The Chair informed schools forum that the Item 8 - Early Years & Childcare Place Sufficiency would be taken after item 3 due to other commitments of the presenting officer.

Matters for decision:

2. Voting and Actions from the Last Meeting (Chair) (Started 0:1:26, Ended 0:1:59)

Agreed as a true record

No Actions.

3. De-delegation 2023-24 (Kamaljit Kaur) (Started 0:2:00, Ended 0:11:21)

Recommendation:

Voting:

1. The representatives of maintained primary schools on the schools Forum are asked to decide whether to support the continued de-delegation of the following services in 2023-24:

- Free School Meal Eligibility – 7 voted in favour
- English as an Additional Language – 8 voted in favour
- Trade Union Facility Time Funding – 8 voted in favour
- School Improvement – 8 voted in favour
- Gypsy and Romany Travellers – 8 voted in favour
- Behaviour Support Services – 8 voted in favour
- Medical Referrals for Employees – 8 voted in favour

Although, all representatives from maintained schools voted in favour of de-delegation. There were 5 votes from maintained primary schools, 1 from maintained secondary school, 1 from maintained nursery school and 1 from maintained special school.

Therefore, 5 representatives from the maintained primary schools unanimously agreed to support de-delegation in 2023-24 by the votes above.

2. The representative of the maintained secondary school on the Schools Forum is asked to decide whether to support the continued de-delegation of the following services in 2023-24:
 - Free School Meal eligibility
 - English as an additional language
 - Trade Union facility time funding

The representative from the one maintained secondary school agreed to support de-delegation in 2023-24 for all three services.

No Actions

Matters for Information/Comment

4. 2023-24 National Funding Formula (Brian Smith) (Started 0:24:58, Ended 0:31:27)

Recommendations:

- Note the timetable for agreeing allocations for DSG funded services for 2023-24 as set out in Appendix A.

Correction to Agenda: Item 4 was for Information/comment

Purnima Sherwood: If there are specific things that Schools Forum members would appreciate us bringing to the 10th November meeting please send them to school funding email address.

No Actions

5. DSG 2022-23 Forecast (Brian Smith) (Started 0:31:28, Ended 0:45:15)

Recommendations:

- Note the DSG forecast financial outturn position for 2022/23, as at Period 5.
- Note the forecasted position of the DSG reserve at financial outturn position for 2022/23.

No Actions

6. DSG Recovery Plan Update (Ross Caws) (Started 0:45:16, Ended 1:13:43)

Recommendations:

- That the Forum comments upon progress of the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme

No Actions

7. Academy Update (Dalbir Kaur) (Started 1:13:47, Ended 1:17:1)

Recommendations:

- Note the number of maintained schools, academy schools and new conversions

Corrections to Table 2 on this report: Kinton C.Of E. (Voluntary Aided) Primary School converted to Academy Status on 01/07/2022 not on 01/07/2023.

No Actions

8. Early Years & Childcare Place Sufficiency (Mandy Latham) (Started 0:11:22, Ended 0:24:57)

Recommendations:

- Note the Early Years & Childcare - 30 Hours Entitlements Place Sufficiency Update

Action: Sufficiency strategy will be shared with schools forum members once it is finalised and published.

9. Forward Plan (Dalbir Kaur) (Started 1:17:3, Ended 1:22:4)

Next Schools Forum is on 10 November on Microsoft teams with intention to have schools forum approval to transfer up to 0.5% of the Schools Block to the High Needs Block

Questions or comments received from members: Face- to-face Schools Forum meeting.

Action: June 2023 meeting to be arranged as a face-to-face meeting, to be confirmed closer to the time, but a meeting room booked in the meantime. The forward plan will be amended.

Michael Cowland and Nick Evans offered accommodation in their school for schools forum meeting.

10. Chair's Business (Phil Johnson) (Started 1:22:11, Ended 1:22:24)

There is no Chair's Business.

Phil Johnson: Thanked everybody for attending the meeting.

11. AOB – Cost of Energy Discussion (Stephanie Ferries)

School forum members discussed about increasing Energy cost. Members wants to explore working in collaboration option to deal with the increased costs. Members asked if there is an officer who they can approach to get some guidance. Duane Chappell is going to find out if there is an officer who can help on this matter.

Note: All voting took place via Hands up function on teams.

Meeting concludes at 15:22 and recording stopped after item 10.

Next Meeting on Thursday 10th November 2022, 2:00pm to 4:00 pm.

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Schools Forum
10th November 2022
Schools Block Funding 2023-24

This report relates to mainstream academies and maintained schools and is for decision by all school's forum members.

Recommendations

Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) The transfer of up to 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2023-24

If the Schools Forum do not agree this recommendation, then the Schools Forum members are asked to consider a second recommendation:

- b) The transfer of up to 0.25% of funding from the School Block to the High Needs Block in 2023-24

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Within the Dedicated Schools Grant, the ESFA allow for Schools Forum to move up to 0.5% between the blocks (approximately £2.073m). There is a proposal to move 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to address part of the forecast overspend in 2023-24.
- 1.2 A consultation has taken place with schools between Monday 10th October 2022 and Monday 7th November 2022.
- 1.3 The full consultation document is attached as Appendix A. This was circulated to Schools Forum members previously.
- 1.4 The Local Authority may make a disapplication to the Secretary of State to move 0.5% of funding, should Schools Forum not agree the move. The deadline for submitting this disapplication this year is 18th November 2022.
- 1.5 In the event that Schools Forum does not agree to the recommendation to move 0.5%, the Local Authority would like Schools Forum to consider moving up to 0.25% of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2023-24 (approximately £1.036 m).

- 1.6 It should also be noted that these proposals will only give additional funding in 2023-24 and they also require approval of the ESFA.

2. Background

- 2.1 When the National Funding Formula (NFF) was introduced in 2018-19 the Local Authority with school's forum agreement indicated that they wanted to replicate the 'hard' NFF as quickly as possible, subject to affordability. This was achieved in 2020-21 for the first time due to an increase in grant.
- 2.2 Following consultation, Schools Forum agreed to move 0.5% of the Schools Block to High Needs Block for 2022-23. All mainstream schools also received the NFF.
- 2.3 Modelling for this year's consultation is based on the indicative Schools Block allocation provided by the DfE, which is subject to change. It is based on the on October 2021 census data, which could change especially if the uptake in Free School Meals (FSM) changes. This will not be known until mid to end December 2022.
- 2.4 The monetary value of the 0.5% transfer is calculated by taking the total schools block funding for DSG, then adding the premises funding and growth funding. It is estimated that this will equate to approximately £2.073 million.
- 2.5 The Schools Forum is aware that the Local Authority has established a SEND and Inclusion Change Programme to address issues of financial sustainability in the High Needs Block and has provided regular updates on the progress of the programme. Achievements set out in the consultation document include:
- a) The overspend of the High Needs Block has significantly reduced against the original forecast.
 - b) More children and young people with SEND are being supported in mainstream settings.
 - c) The number of children attending specialist resourced provision is increasing.
 - d) More children are supported in state-funded specialist settings.
 - e) The numbers of children and young people attending independent specialist provision (ISP) has reduced.
 - f) The number of new EHC plans issued has reduced.
 - g) The number of EHC plans in pre-school years is increasing.
 - h) A new method for calculating top-up funding for children with EHC plans has been agreed
 - i) Value for money service reviews of all WCC SEND & Inclusion services have been undertaken.

- 2.6 Schools were also asked to note that the total level of school balances (reserves) at 31st March 2022 for maintained and 30th September 2021 for academies was £58m.
- 2.7 The proposals will have a direct impact on the school budgets of 166 of 231 schools. Schools which trigger the Minimum Funding Guarantee (65 schools) are protected so that there is no change to their individual school budget. The table below summarises the impact on schools.

Impact on school budgets (negative) by number of schools		
	0.5% transfer	0.25% transfer
No change to NFF allocation	65	65
£1 to £5,000	36	121
£5,001 to £10,000	78	16
£10,001 to £15,000	18	7
£15,001 to £20,000	5	9
£20,001 to £25,000	7	9
£25,001 to £30,000	1	3
£30,001 to £35,000	3	1
£35,001 to £40,000	8	0
£40,001 and above	10	0

3. Consultation Outcomes

- 3.1 Section 6.1 of the High Needs Funding 2023-24 Operational Guide states: *'Formal permission from the Secretary of State (a disapplication of the DSG conditions of grant) will be required for transfers out of the schools block above 0.5%, or any amount without schools forum approval; this applies to any transfers even if approval has been given in previous years. Local authorities should consult with local maintained schools and academies; the schools forum should take these views into account before making their decision.'*
- 3.2 Consultation was undertaken with all Warwickshire schools and academies from the primary and secondary phases.
- 3.3 A total of 21 academies and schools responded to the consultation by the 5:00pm deadline on Monday 7th November 2022. This consisted of 17 primary schools and 4 secondary schools. Responses were also received from 2 special schools which are noted but excluded from the totals (as the schools are not in receipt of monies from the Schools Block).
- 3.4 The consultation posed three questions, each with a follow up question asking for any 'no' response.

- 3.5 In response to question 4: **Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?**

	Responses	%
Yes	7	33%
No	12	67%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'Yes'		

- 3.6 In response to question 6: **Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.25% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?**

	Responses	%
Yes	7	33%
No	14	67%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'No'		

- 3.7 In response to question 8: **Do you think that a transfer of a different % should be proposed to the Schools Forum?**

	Responses	%
Yes	5	24%
No	16	76%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'No'		

- 3.8 All reasons for 'Yes' or 'No' answers to all three questions are attached in Appendix B.

4. Other considerations

- 4.1 As the final position of the Schools Block is not confirmed, Schools Forum may come to a conditional decision (e.g. any underspend can be moved between blocks). In this scenario, the Council may consider submitting a disapplication to the Secretary of State which may be withdrawn at a later point.

School Funding Arrangements for 2023-24

Warwickshire County Council Consultation with Primary and Secondary Schools

October 2022



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NOTES:

- 1. Any reference to schools in this document applies similarly to academies unless stated otherwise.**
- 2. The elements of the Schools' funding formula are applied on the same basis to both maintained schools and academies. The difference is that maintained schools currently receive their funding from the Authority for the financial year April to March and academies have the same funding formula applied over the academic year September to August.**

PURPOSE

1. Warwickshire is now fully convergent with the National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools. Initial modelling of Schools Block funding for 2023-24 (based on indicative data provided by DfE) currently indicates that Warwickshire will be able to allocate the 'hard' NFF in full.
2. The purpose of this consultation document is to outline Warwickshire County Council's (the Authority) proposal to move up to 0.5% of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2023-24.
3. The outcome of the consultation will be reported back to Schools Forum on Thursday 29 November 2022. The consultation provides an opportunity for primary and secondary schools and academies to comment on the following proposal:
 - a. Moving up to 0.5% of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2023-24;
 - b. Moving up to 0.25% of funding from the School Block to the High Needs Block in 2023-24;
4. **Schools are asked to respond to this consultation by completing the response form. Responses should be submitted by 5pm on Monday 6 November 2022. Responses can be submitted through the response form [on the link found here](#).**
5. Responses received will be analysed and shared with the Schools Forum at its meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022 prior to the Authority deciding on the final funding formula for use in 2023-24 to be submitted to the DfE mid-January 2023.

NATIONAL FUNDING CONTEXT

6. The DfE has confirmed that the arrangements in 2023-24 will continue to allow some local discretion meaning that the Authority can still decide how it allocates its funding to schools using the available NFF factors but has flexibility to determine the use and/or value of these factors. By contrast, when the DfE moves to a 'hard' formula, each school will receive its funding through the NFF directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). In any event, WCC and Schools Forum have already approved moving to the Hard NFF.
7. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) continues to be ring-fenced. There are four well established blocks as set out below. The Schools Block continues to be ring-fenced with one exception that the Authority can move up to 0.5% of the Schools Block to other Blocks after consultation with schools and after approval by the School Forum.

Figure 1 – Makeup of the Dedicated Schools Grant

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT			
SCHOOLS BLOCK	CENTRAL SERVICES SCHOOLS BLOCK	EARLY YEARS BLOCK	HIGH NEEDS BLOCK
This Block funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual school budgets; - Services de-delegated from maintained school budgets and - The Growth fund 	This Block funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historical commitments previously agreed with Schools Forum such Combined Budget areas and redundancy costs previously agreed; and - Ongoing responsibilities of the Authority such as Admissions, the servicing of the School Forum, copyright licenses and services to meet statutory responsibilities 	This Block funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2-year-old Early Years single funding formula; - The 3 and 4 year old Early Years single funding formula (universal and extended entitlement); - The Disability Access Fund; - Maintained Nursery school supplementary funding; and - Any central expenditure by the authority to support early years services 	This Block funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special school budgets; - Top up funding for pupils with High Needs; - Out of County SEN placements; - SEND specialist services; - Alternative provision such as PRUs, High Needs Units; and - Hospital Education

SCHOOLS' NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA 2023-24 OVERVIEW

8. The factors used in the 2022-23 Warwickshire school funding formula (excluding the area cost adjustment) are set out in Table 1 alongside the factors in the 2023-24 NFF and the difference between them. As can be seen from the difference column, the rates for each of the factors have increased by at least 1.9% as a result of the Government's additional investment in schools funding. Warwickshire is able to implement the 'hard' NFF in terms of the factors and rates in for 2023-24.
9. The funding arrangements for 2023-24 are as follows:
 - a) The mandatory Minimum Per Pupil Guarantee (MPPG) for primary and secondary pupils. For 2023-24 these are set at £4,405 for Primary and £5,715 for Secondary pupils.
 - b) The minimum funding guarantee (MFG) will be set at up to +0.5% which is the maximum level set by the ESFA.

Table 1 – 2023-24 NFF factors (before any proposed transfer) and rates compared to 2022-23 (adjusted for the additional supplementary funding)

NFF Factor		NFF Unit Rates	NFF Unit Rates	Change	Change
		2022-23	2023-24		
		(£)	(£)	(£)	(%)
Basic per pupil entitlement - Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	AWPU: Primary	3,314	3,395	81	2.44%
	AWPU: Secondary KS3	4,673	4,780	107	2.29%
	AWPU: Secondary KS4	5,267	5,380	113	2.15%
	Minimum per pupil funding Primary	4,265	4,405	140	3.28%
	Minimum per pupil funding Secondary	5,525	5,715	190	3.44%
Deprivation (Free School Meals)	Current - Primary	470	480	10	2.13%
	Current – Secondary	470	480	10	2.13%
	Ever6 – Primary	675	695	20	2.96%
	Ever6 – Secondary	989	1,015	26	2.63%
Deprivation (Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index)	Band A: Primary	640	660	20	3.13%
	Band B: Primary	490	510	20	4.08%
	Band C: Primary	460	475	15	3.26%
	Band D: Primary	420	435	15	3.57%
	Band E: Primary	270	280	10	3.70%
	Band F: Primary	220	230	10	4.55%
	Band A: Secondary	890	915	25	2.81%
	Band B: Secondary	700	720	20	2.86%
	Band C: Secondary	650	670	20	3.08%
	Band D: Secondary	595	610	15	2.52%
	Band E: Secondary	425	440	15	3.53%

	Band F: Secondary	320	330	10	3.13%
Prior Attainment	Primary	1,130	1,160	30	2.65%
	Secondary	1,710	1,725	15	0.88%
English as an Additional Language	Primary	565	580	15	2.65%
	Secondary	1,530	1,570	40	2.61%
Mobility	Primary	0	175	175	100%
	Secondary	0	250	250	100%
Lump Sum	Primary	124,980	127,500	2,520	2.02%
	Secondary	124,980	127,500	2,520	2.02%
Sparsity Factor	Primary	55,000	56,000	1,000	1.82%
	Secondary	80,000	81,000	1,000	1.25%

LOCAL CONTEXT: THE SEND & INCLUSION CHANGE PROGRAMME

10. In responding to this consultation, school Leaders should be aware of the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme. This was launched in October 2020.
11. In the following pages, we will outline what the programme has already achieved and seeks to achieve, what the financial situation is, and how the Council is seeking to work with schools to address the current situation.

What are we hoping to achieve?

12. Our Vision for learners with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) is that all our children and young people have the right to lead a fulfilling life and to be part of their community.
13. We want our learners with SEND to feel fully included in their local schools, wherever appropriate, by giving schools the resources and skills to meet their special educational needs.

Why do we need to change?

14. We know that things need to change because outcomes for our children and young people with SEND have been getting worse and we are spending well above our allocated budget. The demand for services continues to rise due to local population growth and growing complexity of needs. Our system is not equipped to meet this growth sustainably.
15. In 2014, Warwickshire supported 2,781 statements. In January 2022, Warwickshire supported 4,768 Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans. This is in line with national trends but demonstrates the increased pressure on the system. At school age, 3.7% of Warwickshire children have an EHC plan compared to 3.8% nationally.
16. Ofsted concluded at the SEND Local Area Inspection in July 2021:

The extent to which Warwickshire mainstream primary and secondary schools are inclusive is variable. In the past, too many children and young people have been placed in specialist settings without proper consideration of whether their needs could be met in mainstream schools. This has resulted in some schools not accessing enough training for staff in primary and secondary schools because there was not seen to be the need for it. As a result, some schools lack the necessary expertise and understanding of how to support children and young people in their schools effectively. Several young people expressed some very negative views about their experiences in mainstream schools.

17. Funding from the High Needs Block is primarily spent on support for individual learners' in schools and settings, as set out in their Education Health and Care plan (EHCP). The placement of children matters from a financial perspective because, as a general rule, the more specialist an educational setting is, the higher the cost of provision. Whilst this must always be needs-led, census data shows where Warwickshire is an outlier compared to other areas.
18. Warwickshire has less children with EHC plans in mainstream schools (32.9%, increasing) than in other areas (41.1%), more children in special schools (32.8%, decreasing) than other areas (29.6%). Warwickshire is now in line with national average with 5.2% of children with EHC Plans attending independent specialist provision (5.5%). In recent years, we have also seen a significant increase in the number of our children and young people in alternative provision. In January 2022, 10.1% of our children and young people (aged 0-25) were in alternative and other provision, compared with 7.5% elsewhere. Too many of our children and young people with SEND are not in school.

Table 2: Placements of children and young people with EHC plans

PERCENTAGES

Year	Area Name	Number of children with an EHC	Mainstream	Special	ISP - School Age	ISP - Post 16	AP/PRU	FE	Other
2017	England	283240	44.6%	36.6%	5.3%	1.1%	0.8%	9.8%	1.9%
	West Midlands	31757	40.7%	44.0%	4.2%	1.3%	0.4%	7.8%	1.6%
	Statistical Neighbours	3064	44.2%	40.1%	5.0%	0.8%	0.4%	7.6%	1.8%
	Warwickshire	3257	45.8%	37.4%	8.6%	0.4%	0.0%	6.6%	1.3%
2018	England	310566	42.0%	35.9%	5.0%	1.4%	0.8%	13.0%	2.0%
	West Midlands	35687	35.5%	44.2%	4.4%	2.3%	0.5%	11.1%	2.0%
	Statistical Neighbours	3389	41.9%	38.7%	4.8%	0.7%	0.5%	11.7%	1.7%
	Warwickshire	3492	38.2%	40.3%	7.4%	0.9%	0.0%	10.4%	2.8%
2019	England	353995	39.8%	33.6%	5.0%	1.4%	0.8%	14.1%	5.3%
	West Midlands	39570	32.5%	41.3%	4.1%	2.8%	0.4%	13.5%	5.3%
	Statistical Neighbours	3794	40.4%	36.0%	4.8%	1.0%	0.4%	12.6%	4.8%
	Warwickshire	3848	33.3%	37.8%	6.6%	1.2%	0.0%	16.0%	5.0%
2020	England	390109	39.6%	32.1%	5.0%	1.6%	0.8%	14.4%	6.4%
	West Midlands	41897	32.3%	40.6%	4.2%	2.6%	0.5%	13.9%	5.9%
	Statistical Neighbours	4140	40.0%	34.4%	4.8%	1.3%	0.4%	13.3%	5.9%
	Warwickshire	4299	29.7%	34.6%	6.1%	1.2%	0.0%	18.9%	9.5%
2021	England	430697	40.6%	30.7%	5.0%	1.6%	0.8%	14.5%	6.9%
	West Midlands	46127	32.9%	38.0%	4.4%	2.5%	0.6%	13.4%	8.1%
	Statistical Neighbours	4656	40.6%	32.1%	5.0%	1.0%	0.3%	13.5%	7.5%
	Warwickshire	4563	31.3%	33.8%	5.5%	1.1%	0.0%	17.3%	10.8%
2022	England	473255	41.1%	29.6%	5.2%	1.7%	0.8%	14.2%	7.5%
	West Midlands	49505	33.2%	36.8%	4.5%	2.8%	0.5%	13.2%	8.9%
	Statistical Neighbours	5248	41.4%	30.0%	5.3%	1.6%	0.3%	13.1%	8.3%
	Warwickshire	4768	32.9%	32.8%	5.2%	1.1%	0.0%	17.8%	10.1%

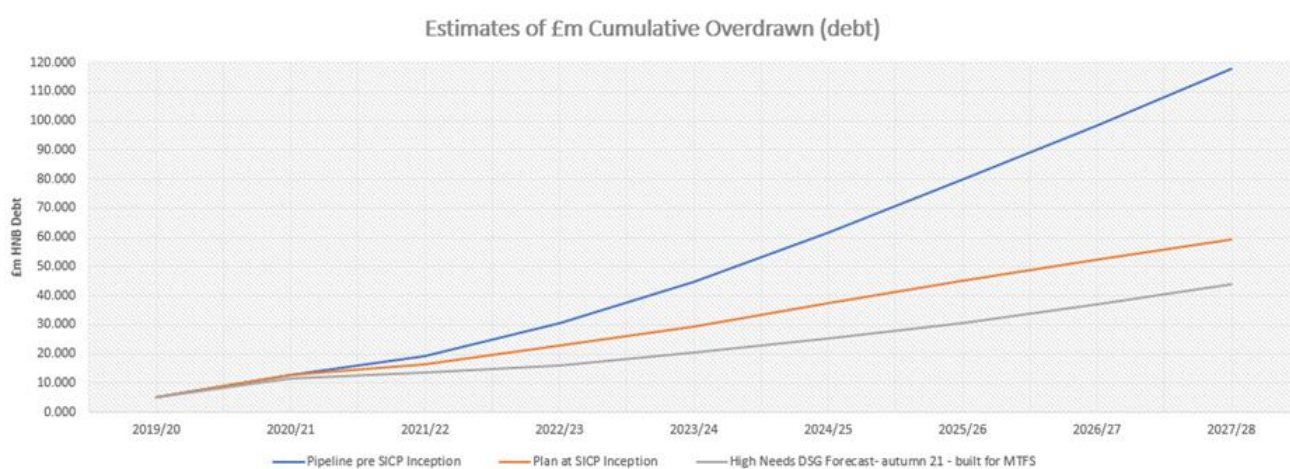
Outcomes

19. Prior to the pandemic, children and young people with SEND perform better than national average at the age of 16. However, there was a trend of outcomes getting worse at both key stage 4 and key stage 2. Absence and fixed term exclusions for children at SEN Support were above national averages. Whilst data from the last two years cannot be compared, we want to maintain positive outcomes for our children and young people.

Financial sustainability

20. The current system remains financially unsustainable, although significant improvements have been achieved. Forecasted spend for each year remains above allocated funding. Whilst we continue to work through local government networks and associations to gain sustainable funding from central government, we must do everything we can to meet our statutory duties within our allocated resources.

21. The positive news is that the effect of the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme, previous transfers from the Schools Block and additional funding from central government has significantly reduced the medium-term cumulative deficit from an original forecast of £120m in 2027/28 to £40m by 2027/28. In the graph below. The blue line represents the cumulative overspend forecast in May 2020 had there been no intervention. The orange line shows the predicted overspend based upon SEND & Inclusion Change Programme interventions, again set at May 2020. The grey line shows the latest forecast.



22. The cost of a placement in Independent Specialist Provision (ISP) is almost three times as much as a placement in a mainstream school and double most state special school placements.
23. The more we can do to channel resources into early identification and intervention in our mainstream schools, the better outcomes we can achieve for our children and young people, and the more financially sustainable we will be. This will also allow us to use our state-funded specialist provision for our children and young people with the most complex needs.

What is the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme?

24. Warwickshire needs to introduce a whole system change. We must focus on 'promoting inclusion' in mainstream settings, giving schools the skills and resources to meet the needs of learners in their local schools, and building the confidence of parents and carers.
25. Through the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme we will work together to:
- Improve outcomes for our children and young people with SEND by changing the conversation in local schools, intervening earlier, and providing clear pathways of support

- Take decisions in a clear, fair, and transparent way, for example by reforming our decision-making panels
 - Ensure that systems are sustainable, so that we are working within our allocated funding. This includes investing in new SEND provision in mainstream schools and specialist provision on the Pears site.
26. The SEND & Inclusion Programme Board, with representation of all stakeholders, provide comment and scrutiny of the progress of each project. Cabinet, Children & Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Schools Forum will also provide close monitoring of the progress of the programme.
27. In total there 23 projects have started, with 9 completed. Further projects are planned.

What has been achieved in the first two years of the SEND & Inclusion Change programme?

28. At the SEND Local Area Inspection, Ofsted commented on the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme:

Area leaders understand the strengths and weaknesses of the area because of their accurate, well-informed, and detailed self-evaluation. ...Leaders have developed and started to implement an ambitious Change Programme in response to the findings of the reviews.

The Change Programme identifies what needs to change and why. It has prioritised and focused on key areas, with further actions appropriately planned out in the right order. This is enabling area leaders to drive the necessary improvements across the local area.

Area leaders' rapid implementation of the Change Programme has already led to some improvements.

29. There is clear direction of travel on key factors affecting spend following the first two years of the SEND & Inclusion Change Programme:

- The overspend has reduced.** High Needs Block outturn overspent by £2.130m in 2021/22. This was less than the forecast £11.352m forecast at the inception of SEND Change Programme and indeed less than the previous year in 2020/21 (Outturn £8.610m). However, it is still an overspend and significant financial pressure remains in this area. The overspend of £2.130m did take account of the agreed £1.827m 0.5% transfer agreed by Schools Forum.

- ii. **More children and young people with SEND are being supported in mainstream settings.** 1,571 children were supported in mainstream settings at January 2022 compared to 1,430 the year before. This is also higher than the 2017 level (1,475) and higher than the number placed in state-funded special schools. New guidance to schools on the graduated approach was launched in October 2021.
- iii. **More children are supported in state-funded specialist settings.** This was expected due to population growth, increased complexity of need and less use of independent specialist provision (ISP). 1,563 children are supported in state-funded specialist setting in January 2022 compared to 1,544 in 2021. In March 2022, The Warwickshire Academy opened as a new special school supporting children with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs.
- iv. **The numbers of children and young people attending independent specialist provision (ISP) has reduced.** Comparative benchmarking for 2022 shows that Warwickshire is now in line with the national average at 5.2% and below statistical neighbours (5.3%). Warwickshire was at 10.6% in 2015. It has been Warwickshire's aim to reduce the proportion of learners in ISP to be in line with national levels. This has been achieved in 2022. However, there is concern that since January, this number has increased again with 262 children and young people attending ISP at September 2022.
- v. **The number of children attending specialist resourced provision is increasing.** Two new resourced provisions have opened in September 2022. The County now has 18 resourced provisions and partnerships since 2015, creating 160 places across the County. Utilisation is up to 120. These provisions allow for specialist provision in mainstream settings delivering positive outcomes, value for money and freeing up places in specialist settings.
- vi. **The number of new EHC plans issued has reduced.** The number of new EHC plans issued in the calendar year 2021 was 492 compared with 583 the previous year. This trend is contrary to national and statistical neighbours. However, the number of requests has gone up from 734 January-August 2021 to 911 January August 2022.
- vii. **The number of EHC plans in pre-school years is increasing.** The project is working to identify the appropriate time for requesting a EHC needs assessment in early years as a form of early intervention. In February 2022, 14 children had an EHC plan issued prior to school

age. At present, 18 children prior to school age have an EHC plan issued, with a further 42 EHC plans expected to be in place by February 2022.

viii. The unit price of residential placements has reduced but the number of placements has increased.

ix. **New cost centres have been created to monitor spend on alternative provision.** This allows for better monitoring of spend in this area from April 2021. New guidance has been developed limiting the use of alternative provision to 10 weeks. Costs in this area have significantly reduced.

x. **A new method for calculating top-up funding for children with EHC plans has been agreed** through a stakeholder group to ensure schools receive the right amount of funding to support learners from the outset.

xi. **The trial of an 'Inclusion Framework'** with schools in Rugby to improve early intervention and overcome trading barriers.

xii. Value for money service reviews of all WCC SEND & Inclusion services have been undertaken.

30. In addition, the programme has introduced a new Quality Assurance Framework, significantly reduced the number of school age children not on a school roll, redesigned the Local Offer (to be launched Autumn 2021), and established a new Parent Carer Forum.

What are you expecting to see in the next year?

31. In the coming year the change programme will:

- Roll-out of a new top-up funding methodology for children with EHC plans
- Roll-out an ambitious workforce development plan for schools and WCC staff (part of the Written Statement of Action)
- Evaluate and roll-out the 'Inclusion Framework' seeking to address current trading barriers
- Publish proposals for changes to WCC SEND & Inclusion services following outcomes of service review
- Develop the offer of supported internships to help young people with SEND into work

32. The programme is long term and expected to last 3-5 years in order to see the benefits of change.

Is Warwickshire different to other local authority areas?

33. The crisis in SEND funding and services is a national issue facing all councils and has been reflected in a number of recent reviews including the [Public Accounts Committee](#), [National Audit Office](#), [County Council Network](#) and [Local Government Association](#). The National Audit Office concluded that:

‘The system for supporting pupils with SEND is not, on current trends, financially sustainable. Many local authorities are failing to live within their High Needs budgets and meet the demand for support. Pressures – such as incentives for mainstream schools to be less inclusive, increased demand for special school places, growing use of independent schools and reductions in per-pupil funding – are making the system less, rather than more, sustainable. The Department needs to act urgently to secure the improvements in quality and sustainability that are needed to achieve value for money.’

34. The SEND Review was published in Spring 2022 as a Green Paper. Warwickshire has responded positively to the proposals and awaits the subsequent White Paper.

What are the financial implications of the programme?

How are you funding this programme?

35. The County Council is funding the programme from Council Tax (not DSG) funds. The programme investment is over £2m so far. In addition, capital investment has been made by the Council above £17m.

Are there other ways to bridge the financial deficit?

36. There are two other levers to bridge the financial deficit, however these are not within the control of the Council:

- Additional funding from central Government – Warwickshire will continue to lobby, along with other local authorities, for a sustainable funding settlement. The new funding settlement in July 2022 allocated more funding to the High Needs Block.
- The local authority can ‘write off’ deficits from Council funds – however this can only be done with permission from the Secretary of State and if the local authority has sufficient reserves to do this

PROPOSED FUNDING CHANGES

37. The Authority is planning to continue to implement the 'hard' NFF for all Warwickshire schools in 2023-24. Based on the indicative Schools Block allocation for 2023-24, the 'hard' NFF is affordable. However, to fund a transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block, individual schools' budgets will be impacted.
38. A transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block of 0.5% equates to £2.073m and a transfer of 0.25% equates to £1.036m.
39. Modelling on the indicative Schools Block allocation for 2023-24 establishes the following:
 - The method to release up to a 0.5% transfer whilst still implementing the 'hard' NFF would be to amend all NFF factors (rather than only the Basic Entitlement factors or only the Additional Needs factors).
 - Not all individual schools' budgets are impacted. Schools which trigger the Minimum Funding Guarantee (65 schools) are protected so that there is no change to their individual school budget.
 - A full list of how schools' budgets will be impacted by either a 0.25% transfer or a 0.5% transfer can be found in Appendix A
 - Appendix B is the adjusted NFF unit rates that need to be applied to release either a 0.25% transfer or a 0.5% transfer. Both sets of rates are still within the 'hard' NFF.
40. Please note that the modelling is based on the indicative Schools Block allocation provided by the DfE, which is subject to change. It is based on **October 2021 census data**, which could change especially if the uptake in Free School Meals (FSM) changes. This will not be known until mid to end December 2022.
41. Schools are also asked to note that the total level of school balances (reserves) at 31 March 22 for maintained and 30 September 21 for academies was £58m.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

42. We are seeking school's views on the questions in the following table.
43. Schools are asked to respond to this consultation by completing the response form. Responses should be submitted by 5pm on Monday 6 November 2022. Responses can be submitted through the response form at [on the link found here](#) or via the QR code below.



44. Responses received will be analysed and shared Schools Forum at its meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022 prior to the Authority deciding on the final funding formula for use in 2023-24 to be submitted to the DfE mid-January 2023.

- 1 Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?
- 2 If not, please explain why?
- 3 If yes, please explain why?
- 4 Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.25% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?
- 5 If not, please explain why?
- 6 If yes, please explain why?
- 7 Do you think that a transfer of a different % should be proposed to the Schools Forum? Please give details of the % and reasons.

Appendix A

A list of schools and how indicative school budgets for 2023-24 would be impacted by a 0.25% or 0.5% transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block. Note that this is the best estimates available and figures are subject to change when the DfE confirms DSG allocations in December.

School Name	NOR	Post De-delegation and Education functions budget after deduction of 23-24 NFF NDR allocation				
		Option 1 - No transfer to HN	Option 2 - 0.25% block transfer to HN	Variance between option 1 & option 2	Option 3 - 0.50% block transfer to HN	Variance between option 1 & option 3
TOTAL	77,994	408,120,705	407,084,885	-1,035,820	£406,047,011	-£2,073,695
Nursery Hill Primary School	91	£528,118.06	£526,381.56	-£1,736.50	£523,846.11	-£4,271.95
Arley Primary School	198	£974,147.68	£970,428.68	-£3,719.00	£966,131.44	-£8,016.24
Claverdon Primary School	200	£876,050.00	£876,050.00	£0.00	£876,050.00	£0.00
Wheelwright Lane Primary School	217	£1,003,675.26	£999,767.76	-£3,907.50	£995,207.52	-£8,467.75
Great Alne Primary School	91	£473,507.69	£471,883.19	-£1,624.50	£469,470.47	-£4,037.23
Michael Drayton Junior School	574	£2,576,219.67	£2,565,536.67	-£10,683.00	£2,555,278.07	-£20,941.60
Nathaniel Newton Infant School	268	£1,264,497.31	£1,259,535.31	-£4,962.00	£1,254,223.28	-£10,274.02
Hurley Primary School	211	£1,024,885.55	£1,020,950.05	-£3,935.50	£1,016,534.35	-£8,351.20
Quinton Primary School	205	£961,009.07	£957,283.57	-£3,725.50	£952,704.57	-£8,304.50
Snitterfield Primary School	99	£548,115.92	£545,964.30	-£2,151.62	£543,419.23	-£4,696.69
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School	372	£1,670,976.57	£1,663,963.57	-£7,013.00	£1,656,687.58	-£14,288.99
Bridgetown Primary School	393	£1,721,455.35	£1,721,455.35	£0.00	£1,721,460.35	£5.00
Welford-on-Avon Primary School	230	£1,007,806.35	£1,007,806.35	£0.00	£1,007,811.35	£5.00
Lighthorne Heath Primary School	54	£439,598.98	£438,046.98	-£1,552.00	£435,515.71	-£4,083.27
Outwoods Primary School	391	£1,827,750.02	£1,820,533.52	-£7,216.50	£1,813,077.12	-£14,672.90
Chilvers Coton Community Infant School	172	£877,751.41	£876,559.47	-£1,191.94	£876,564.47	-£1,186.94
Galley Common Infant School	161	£781,886.74	£778,941.24	-£2,945.50	£775,375.35	-£6,511.38
Whitestone Infant School	266	£1,165,531.32	£1,165,531.32	£0.00	£1,165,536.32	£5.00

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Thorns Community Infant School	151	£698,704.51	£696,042.01	-£2,662.50	£692,618.76	-£6,085.75
Clinton Primary School	214	£937,373.50	£937,373.50	£0.00	£937,373.50	£0.00
Park Hill Junior School	251	£1,099,619.03	£1,099,619.03	£0.00	£1,099,624.03	£5.00
Clapham Terrace Community Primary School and Nursery	207	£945,725.67	£942,009.17	-£3,716.50	£937,621.84	-£8,103.83
Telford Junior School	331	£1,449,862.75	£1,449,862.75	£0.00	£1,449,862.75	£0.00
Westgate Primary School	169	£855,629.63	£852,478.13	-£3,151.50	£848,319.22	-£7,310.41
Whitnash Primary School	307	£1,440,416.26	£1,434,661.76	-£5,754.50	£1,428,490.62	-£11,925.63
Newburgh Primary School	359	£1,580,748.62	£1,580,748.62	£0.00	£1,580,753.62	£5.00
Telford Infant School	262	£1,147,625.50	£1,147,625.50	£0.00	£1,147,625.50	£0.00
Briar Hill Infant School	266	£1,176,662.42	£1,171,891.42	-£4,771.00	£1,166,444.77	-£10,217.65
Brookhurst Primary School	390	£1,708,297.50	£1,708,297.50	£0.00	£1,708,297.50	£0.00
Emscote Infant School	168	£786,595.91	£786,595.91	£0.00	£786,600.91	£5.00
Long Lawford Primary School	489	£2,154,184.70	£2,147,216.72	-£6,967.99	£2,147,221.72	-£6,962.99
Abbots Farm Infant School	178	£832,072.02	£828,869.02	-£3,203.00	£824,937.03	-£7,134.99
Eastlands Primary School	200	£912,050.00	£908,443.00	-£3,607.00	£903,972.93	-£8,077.07
Northlands Primary School	209	£1,064,961.55	£1,061,010.05	-£3,951.50	£1,056,311.67	-£8,649.88
Bilton Infant School	163	£778,283.80	£775,327.30	-£2,956.50	£772,823.02	-£5,460.78
Abbots Farm Junior School	265	£1,185,517.87	£1,180,647.37	-£4,870.50	£1,175,451.01	-£10,066.86
Bawnmore Community Infant School	151	£723,985.29	£721,266.79	-£2,718.50	£717,819.27	-£6,166.02
High Meadow Community School	197	£894,578.92	£891,067.72	-£3,511.20	£886,971.24	-£7,607.68
Exhall Junior School	168	£872,352.00	£869,183.00	-£3,169.00	£865,340.15	-£7,011.85
Chetwynd Junior School	354	£1,551,253.31	£1,551,253.31	£0.00	£1,551,258.31	£5.00

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Glendale Infant School	265	£1,210,301.91	£1,205,445.41	-£4,856.50	£1,200,145.08	-£10,156.83
Boughton Leigh Junior School	473	£2,116,705.61	£2,107,887.11	-£8,818.50	£2,099,116.30	-£17,589.31
Boughton Leigh Infant School	190	£935,324.79	£931,783.79	-£3,541.00	£927,507.75	-£7,817.04
Croft Junior School	314	£1,468,722.40	£1,462,846.40	-£5,876.00	£1,456,711.82	-£12,010.58
Bishopton Primary School	233	£1,093,971.79	£1,089,572.29	-£4,399.50	£1,084,729.33	-£9,242.46
Priors Field Primary School	212	£928,613.00	£928,613.00	£0.00	£928,613.00	£0.00
Milverton Primary School	322	£1,410,440.50	£1,410,440.50	£0.00	£1,410,440.50	£0.00
Race Leys Infant School	149	£767,077.59	£764,288.09	-£2,789.50	£760,840.21	-£6,237.38
Brownsover Community Infant School	154	£748,524.92	£745,773.92	-£2,751.00	£742,114.48	-£6,410.44
Water Orton Primary School	310	£1,358,134.25	£1,358,134.25	£0.00	£1,358,139.25	£5.00
St John's Primary School	219	£971,539.62	£970,814.81	-£724.81	£970,819.81	-£719.81
Sydenham Primary School	397	£1,785,862.29	£1,778,589.79	-£7,272.50	£1,770,825.58	-£15,036.70
Coten End Primary School	644	£2,820,881.00	£2,820,881.00	£0.00	£2,820,881.00	£0.00
Paddox Primary School	624	£2,733,276.00	£2,733,276.00	£0.00	£2,733,276.00	£0.00
Binley Woods Primary School	178	£808,057.01	£804,868.01	-£3,189.00	£801,057.05	-£6,999.97
Hillmorton Primary School	389	£1,704,446.50	£1,704,446.50	£0.00	£1,704,451.50	£5.00
Wembrook Primary School	627	£2,917,734.74	£2,905,877.24	-£11,857.50	£2,894,590.68	-£23,144.06
Arden Forest Infant School	168	£797,988.31	£797,988.31	£0.00	£797,993.31	£5.00
Milby Primary School	424	£1,857,226.00	£1,857,226.00	£0.00	£1,857,226.00	£0.00
Weddington Primary School	453	£1,984,253.25	£1,984,253.25	£0.00	£1,984,253.25	£0.00
Newdigate Primary and Nursery School	340	£1,666,883.44	£1,660,415.44	-£6,468.00	£1,653,677.31	-£13,206.13
Goodyers End Primary School	384	£1,788,904.52	£1,781,766.52	-£7,138.00	£1,774,612.73	-£14,291.79

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Exhall Cedars Infant School	124	£669,388.82	£667,070.82	-£2,318.00	£663,929.75	-£5,459.07
Shrubland Street Community Primary School	188	£916,620.80	£913,207.80	-£3,413.00	£908,741.63	-£7,879.17
Camp Hill Primary School	406	£2,108,030.48	£2,100,052.48	-£7,978.00	£2,092,089.51	-£15,940.97
Alveston CofE Primary School	210	£951,336.73	£947,559.73	-£3,777.00	£943,182.16	-£8,154.57
Bidford-on-Avon CofE Primary School	316	£1,386,271.26	£1,386,271.26	£0.00	£1,386,276.26	£5.00
Ettington CofE Primary School	198	£884,310.50	£880,741.50	-£3,569.00	£876,652.04	-£7,658.46
Hampton Lucy CofE Primary School	81	£519,418.95	£517,443.18	-£1,975.78	£515,111.63	-£4,307.32
Harbury CofE Primary School	213	£935,739.36	£933,776.74	-£1,962.62	£933,781.74	-£1,957.62
Ilmington CofE Primary School	117	£588,632.38	£588,365.48	-£266.90	£588,370.48	-£261.90
Loxley CofE Community Primary School	40	£404,994.88	£404,997.38	£2.50	£405,002.38	£7.50
Mappleborough Green CofE Primary School	117	£561,298.63	£559,240.13	-£2,058.50	£556,423.96	-£4,874.67
Shottery St Andrew's CofE Primary School	90	£479,041.60	£477,390.60	-£1,651.00	£474,647.17	-£4,394.43
All Saints CofE Primary School and Nursery, Nuneaton	203	£1,121,116.24	£1,121,116.24	£0.00	£1,121,121.24	£5.00
Abbey CofE Infant School	172	£903,906.55	£900,680.55	-£3,226.00	£896,674.39	-£7,232.16
St Paul's CofE Primary School, Nuneaton	422	£1,894,254.28	£1,886,492.28	-£7,762.00	£1,878,635.18	-£15,619.10
Bishops Tachbrook CofE Primary School	206	£917,290.71	£913,601.71	-£3,689.00	£909,341.57	-£7,949.15
Cubbington CofE Primary School	200	£893,024.34	£889,444.34	-£3,580.00	£885,251.48	-£7,772.86
St Nicholas CofE Primary School	418	£1,830,944.50	£1,830,944.50	£0.00	£1,830,944.50	£0.00
Lapworth CofE Primary School	175	£797,084.78	£793,932.28	-£3,152.50	£790,059.07	-£7,025.71
Radford Semele CofE Primary School	214	£947,066.37	£943,233.37	-£3,833.00	£938,852.20	-£8,214.17
All Saints' CofE Junior School	200	£936,995.62	£933,322.62	-£3,673.00	£929,080.45	-£7,915.18
St. Margaret's CofE Junior School	356	£1,559,369.00	£1,559,369.00	£0.00	£1,559,369.00	£0.00

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Clifton-upon-Dunsmore CofE Primary School	225	£1,014,802.88	£1,010,774.38	-£4,028.50	£1,006,073.24	-£8,729.64
Wolston St Margaret's CofE Primary School	181	£817,240.81	£813,981.31	-£3,259.50	£810,176.19	-£7,064.62
Wolvey CofE Primary School	169	£820,202.96	£817,190.46	-£3,012.50	£812,581.07	-£7,621.90
Holy Trinity CofE Primary School	395	£1,730,198.75	£1,730,198.75	£0.00	£1,730,198.75	£0.00
Bilton CofE Junior School	414	£1,814,816.46	£1,814,816.46	£0.00	£1,814,821.46	£5.00
Shustoke CofE Primary School	207	£922,634.96	£918,904.46	-£3,730.50	£914,693.97	-£7,940.99
Provost Williams CofE Primary School	157	£796,687.82	£793,770.32	-£2,917.50	£790,124.31	-£6,563.51
St Matthew's Bloxam CofE Primary School	194	£979,153.61	£975,573.61	-£3,580.00	£971,287.63	-£7,865.97
Newbold and Tredington CofE Primary School	84	£550,818.57	£550,820.76	£2.20	£550,825.76	£7.20
Bournebrook CofE Primary School	119	£597,055.53	£594,740.42	-£2,315.11	£591,737.56	-£5,317.97
The Dassetts CofE Primary School	100	£548,953.55	£548,955.21	£1.66	£548,960.21	£6.66
The Canons C of E Primary School	626	£2,742,264.94	£2,742,264.94	£0.00	£2,742,269.94	£5.00
Kineton CofE (VA) Primary School	189	£850,572.56	£847,167.06	-£3,405.50	£845,378.82	-£5,193.75
Wilmcote CofE (Voluntary Aided) Primary School	70	£449,015.98	£447,258.98	-£1,757.00	£445,164.36	-£3,851.62
St Paul's CofE Primary School, Leamington Spa	300	£1,332,340.63	£1,326,904.63	-£5,436.00	£1,321,009.69	-£11,330.94
Dunchurch Boughton CofE (Voluntary Aided) Junior School	261	£1,143,245.25	£1,143,245.25	£0.00	£1,143,245.25	£0.00
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Southam	120	£600,312.41	£598,096.41	-£2,216.00	£595,103.30	-£5,209.11
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Studley	222	£972,928.40	£972,928.40	£0.00	£972,933.40	£5.00
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	187	£830,483.36	£827,185.86	-£3,297.50	£823,176.93	-£7,306.43
St Peter's Catholic Primary School	101	£509,180.81	£507,381.31	-£1,799.50	£504,659.22	-£4,521.59
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	182	£944,438.13	£941,042.13	-£3,396.00	£936,309.91	-£8,128.22
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	210	£960,516.46	£956,762.46	-£3,754.00	£952,251.75	-£8,264.71

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St Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School	109	£601,418.70	£599,419.20	-£1,999.50	£596,133.11	-£5,285.59
Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	158	£771,372.69	£768,433.69	-£2,939.00	£764,769.40	-£6,603.29
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	194	£894,979.18	£891,424.18	-£3,555.00	£887,263.88	-£7,715.30
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Princethorpe	108	£570,445.44	£568,220.40	-£2,225.04	£565,557.84	-£4,887.59
English Martyrs Catholic Primary School	213	£966,107.91	£962,256.41	-£3,851.50	£957,076.10	-£9,031.81
Barford St Peter's CofE Primary School	207	£907,102.13	£907,102.13	£0.00	£907,107.13	£5.00
St Lawrence CofE (Voluntary Aided) Primary School	193	£847,847.88	£846,151.75	-£1,696.13	£846,156.75	-£1,691.13
Knightlow CofE Primary School	215	£980,253.75	£980,253.75	£0.00	£980,253.75	£0.00
St Andrew's Benn CofE (Voluntary Aided) Primary School	293	£1,426,934.10	£1,421,475.60	-£5,458.50	£1,414,264.38	-£12,669.72
The Revel CofE (Aided) Primary School	303	£1,365,715.75	£1,365,715.75	£0.00	£1,365,715.75	£0.00
Kingsbury Primary School	261	£1,172,115.91	£1,167,301.41	-£4,814.50	£1,162,178.02	-£9,937.90
St Marie's Catholic Primary School and Nursery	368	£1,688,865.38	£1,688,865.38	£0.00	£1,688,870.38	£5.00
Wolverton Primary School	83	£477,226.02	£475,315.59	-£1,910.43	£473,063.76	-£4,162.26
Middlemarch School	199	£1,006,438.41	£1,002,689.91	-£3,748.50	£997,555.59	-£8,882.82
Dunnington CofE Primary School	104	£568,050.80	£565,842.06	-£2,208.74	£563,113.85	-£4,936.95
Dunchurch Infant School	178	£816,014.33	£812,843.33	-£3,171.00	£808,939.58	-£7,074.75
Moreton Morrell CofE Primary School	95	£520,703.79	£518,647.47	-£2,056.32	£516,200.12	-£4,503.67
The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College	1,104	£6,868,115.06	£6,841,845.03	-£26,270.03	£6,817,189.81	-£50,925.25
The Priors School	84	£492,496.20	£490,555.95	-£1,940.25	£487,903.83	-£4,592.38
Race Leys Junior School	238	£1,187,139.76	£1,182,615.76	-£4,524.00	£1,177,691.20	-£9,448.56
Riverside Academy	206	£1,019,574.29	£1,015,741.29	-£3,833.00	£1,011,310.20	-£8,264.09
Oakfield Primary Academy	363	£1,719,603.32	£1,712,746.82	-£6,856.50	£1,705,562.01	-£14,041.31

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Dordon Primary School	201	£976,028.90	£972,326.40	-£3,702.50	£967,929.76	-£8,099.14
The Nethersole CofE Academy	265	£1,169,278.76	£1,169,278.76	£0.00	£1,169,283.76	£5.00
Bishops Itchington Primary School	190	£866,253.14	£862,825.14	-£3,428.00	£858,794.77	-£7,458.38
Park Lane Primary School	405	£1,964,626.80	£1,956,916.30	-£7,710.50	£1,948,286.68	-£16,340.12
Racemeadow Primary Academy	345	£1,614,032.90	£1,607,596.40	-£6,436.50	£1,600,670.10	-£13,362.80
Henry Hinde Junior School	251	£1,228,707.70	£1,223,950.20	-£4,757.50	£1,218,724.18	-£9,983.52
Wood End Primary School	149	£727,328.92	£724,604.95	-£2,723.97	£721,223.96	-£6,104.97
Queen's Church of England Academy	355	£1,699,453.79	£1,692,849.29	-£6,604.50	£1,688,394.55	-£11,059.24
St James' CofE Academy	226	£1,047,550.91	£1,043,456.91	-£4,094.00	£1,038,809.77	-£8,741.14
Studley St Mary's CofE Academy	208	£1,020,853.75	£1,016,988.75	-£3,865.00	£1,012,565.67	-£8,288.08
Budbrooke Primary School	200	£884,866.70	£884,866.70	£0.00	£884,871.70	£5.00
St Anne's Catholic Academy	203	£1,070,644.04	£1,066,792.54	-£3,851.50	£1,062,346.75	-£8,297.29
Rugby Free Primary School	422	£1,858,910.00	£1,858,910.00	£0.00	£1,858,910.00	£0.00
St Michael's Church of England Academy	373	£1,825,454.72	£1,818,283.22	-£7,171.50	£1,811,179.64	-£14,275.08
St Oswald's CofE Academy	187	£962,028.33	£958,456.83	-£3,571.50	£954,041.38	-£7,986.95
Stratford-Upon-Avon Primary School	214	£942,830.81	£942,830.81	£0.00	£942,835.81	£5.00
Stockton Primary School	120	£585,473.61	£583,296.36	-£2,177.25	£580,270.09	-£5,203.51
St Gabriel's CofE Academy	230	£1,013,859.35	£1,013,842.94	-£16.41	£1,013,847.94	-£11.41
Studley Infants' School	127	£658,992.35	£658,992.35	£0.00	£658,997.35	£5.00
Heathcote Primary School	304	£1,378,696.81	£1,373,082.81	-£5,614.00	£1,366,310.40	-£12,386.41
Salford Priors CofE Academy	57	£412,617.07	£411,129.57	-£1,487.50	£408,717.61	-£3,899.46
Henley-In-Arden CofE Primary School	124	£622,846.33	£620,558.33	-£2,288.00	£617,448.60	-£5,397.73

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Kingsway Community Primary School	157	£830,532.86	£827,536.36	-£2,996.50	£823,677.34	-£6,855.52
Keresley Newland Primary Academy	123	£721,520.39	£719,155.89	-£2,364.50	£715,780.92	-£5,739.47
Lower Farm Academy	114	£595,423.62	£593,333.49	-£2,090.13	£590,437.43	-£4,986.19
Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale	98	£516,946.84	£515,174.55	-£1,772.29	£512,561.45	-£4,385.38
Stockingford Academy	533	£2,631,736.73	£2,621,481.23	-£10,255.50	£2,611,482.15	-£20,254.58
Lillington Primary School	217	£1,145,643.34	£1,141,455.84	-£4,187.50	£1,136,647.81	-£8,995.53
Henry Hinde Infant School	134	£709,175.78	£706,638.78	-£2,537.00	£703,159.34	-£6,016.44
Curdworth Primary School	117	£604,768.20	£602,478.24	-£2,289.95	£599,633.44	-£5,134.75
Temple Herdewyke Primary School	78	£494,008.48	£492,116.17	-£1,892.31	£489,589.17	-£4,419.31
Birchwood Primary School	440	£1,938,200.00	£1,938,200.00	£0.00	£1,938,200.00	£0.00
Southam Primary School	360	£1,586,665.87	£1,586,665.87	£0.00	£1,586,670.87	£5.00
Acorns Primary School	77	£466,531.56	£464,654.08	-£1,877.48	£462,422.07	-£4,109.50
Woodside CofE Primary School	207	£915,283.31	£913,085.62	-£2,197.68	£913,090.62	-£2,192.68
Austrey CofE Primary School	94	£490,812.60	£489,112.60	-£1,700.00	£486,448.40	-£4,364.20
Brailes Church of England Primary School	81	£490,520.90	£488,616.12	-£1,904.78	£486,328.37	-£4,192.52
Coughton CofE Primary School	174	£781,616.96	£778,501.96	-£3,115.00	£774,880.38	-£6,736.58
Newton Regis CofE Primary School	80	£455,144.67	£453,525.58	-£1,619.09	£451,287.34	-£3,857.33
Temple Grafton CofE Primary School	112	£576,960.71	£574,708.37	-£2,252.34	£571,985.04	-£4,975.66
Tysoe CofE Primary School	128	£642,553.08	£642,553.81	£0.73	£642,558.81	£5.73
Warton Nethersole's CofE Primary School	144	£691,154.41	£688,572.41	-£2,582.00	£685,249.65	-£5,904.76
Wellesbourne CofE Primary School	409	£1,803,054.47	£1,803,054.47	£0.00	£1,803,059.47	£5.00
Wootton Wawen CofE Primary School	96	£549,660.04	£547,548.90	-£2,111.15	£545,019.61	-£4,640.43

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Burton Green Church of England Academy	98	£498,867.17	£497,121.17	-£1,746.00	£494,600.37	-£4,266.79
Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy	36	£314,001.39	£312,928.14	-£1,073.25	£311,352.10	-£2,649.29
The Ferncumbe CofE Primary School	193	£892,527.59	£889,078.09	-£3,449.50	£888,665.00	-£3,862.59
Long Itchington CofE Academy	186	£830,900.06	£827,555.06	-£3,345.00	£823,692.57	-£7,207.48
All Saints Bedworth CofE Academy	182	£963,523.41	£963,523.41	£0.00	£963,528.41	£5.00
Tanworth-in-Arden CofE Primary School	197	£868,480.11	£868,480.11	£0.00	£868,485.11	£5.00
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School	91	£512,198.96	£510,498.46	-£1,700.50	£508,012.79	-£4,186.16
St Benedict's Catholic Primary Academy	183	£909,011.93	£905,660.43	-£3,351.50	£901,684.20	-£7,327.73
St Francis Catholic Academy	209	£981,192.56	£977,418.06	-£3,774.50	£973,071.28	-£8,121.28
St Edward's Catholic Primary School	182	£849,231.33	£845,919.33	-£3,312.00	£842,089.60	-£7,141.73
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	199	£895,328.40	£891,781.90	-£3,546.50	£887,536.65	-£7,791.75
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	104	£613,128.91	£613,128.91	£0.00	£613,133.91	£5.00
Our Lady & St. Joseph Catholic Academy	491	£2,162,855.00	£2,162,855.00	£0.00	£2,162,855.00	£0.00
Southam St James CofE Academy	194	£878,141.02	£874,653.02	-£3,488.00	£870,072.45	-£8,068.57
Coleshill Church of England Primary School	386	£1,701,867.03	£1,701,867.03	£0.00	£1,701,872.03	£5.00
All Saints Church of England Academy	134	£632,795.48	£630,369.57	-£2,425.92	£627,308.80	-£5,486.68
St Nicolas CofE Academy	425	£1,872,125.00	£1,872,125.00	£0.00	£1,872,125.00	£0.00
Cawston Grange Primary School	434	£1,912,666.81	£1,912,666.81	£0.00	£1,912,671.81	£5.00
St Nicholas CofE Primary	412	£1,817,154.21	£1,817,154.21	£0.00	£1,817,159.21	£5.00
Rokeby Primary School	162	£855,291.65	£852,181.65	-£3,110.00	£847,984.36	-£7,307.29
Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Haselor	56	£401,018.54	£399,515.54	-£1,503.00	£397,190.71	-£3,827.83
Shipston-on-Stour Primary School	401	£1,770,301.17	£1,770,301.17	£0.00	£1,770,306.17	£5.00

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Woodloes Primary School	367	£1,621,476.91	£1,621,476.91	£0.00	£1,621,481.91	£5.00
The George Eliot School	802	£5,142,844.81	£5,123,788.93	-£19,055.88	£5,105,472.71	-£37,372.10
Stratford Girls' Grammar School	600	£3,429,000.00	£3,429,000.00	£0.00	£3,429,000.00	£0.00
Nicholas Chamberlaine School	1,135	£7,093,503.25	£7,066,821.71	-£26,681.54	£7,042,082.64	-£51,420.62
Etone College	858	£5,401,759.16	£5,381,678.58	-£20,080.58	£5,362,714.21	-£39,044.95
The Queen Elizabeth Academy	677	£4,247,828.15	£4,232,041.45	-£15,786.70	£4,216,818.32	-£31,009.83
Harris Church of England Academy	822	£5,080,143.31	£5,060,734.63	-£19,408.68	£5,042,432.26	-£37,711.05
Rugby Free Secondary School	815	£5,135,418.54	£5,115,936.37	-£19,482.17	£5,097,321.26	-£38,097.28
Houlton School	285	£1,645,868.83	£1,639,824.96	-£6,043.87	£1,633,712.10	-£12,156.73
Kingsbury School - A Specialist Science and Mathematics Academy	722	£4,363,323.98	£4,346,442.49	-£16,881.49	£4,330,026.40	-£33,297.58
Bilton School	902	£5,620,827.50	£5,599,434.63	-£21,392.87	£5,578,373.22	-£42,454.28
Henley In Arden School	677	£4,000,342.69	£3,984,843.98	-£15,498.71	£3,969,627.48	-£30,715.22
Kineton High School	806	£4,715,915.80	£4,697,478.88	-£18,436.93	£4,679,672.95	-£36,242.85
The Polesworth School	1,221	£7,227,547.12	£7,199,445.05	-£28,102.06	£7,172,728.98	-£54,818.14
Shipston High School	588	£3,436,784.36	£3,423,357.97	-£13,426.39	£3,415,651.60	-£21,132.77
Southam College	1,342	£7,670,799.41	£7,670,799.41	£0.00	£7,670,804.41	£5.00
Stratford Upon Avon School	1,387	£8,014,982.02	£7,983,177.43	-£31,804.59	£7,953,286.24	-£61,695.78
Higham Lane School	1,243	£7,115,147.20	£7,108,788.13	-£6,359.07	£7,108,793.13	-£6,354.07
Campion School	881	£5,547,715.01	£5,526,759.20	-£20,955.80	£5,507,131.37	-£40,583.64
The Coleshill School	1,038	£6,270,604.19	£6,246,855.58	-£23,748.61	£6,224,283.57	-£46,320.62
Kenilworth School and Sixth Form	1,399	£7,995,285.00	£7,995,285.00	£0.00	£7,995,285.00	£0.00
North Leamington School	1,215	£6,946,410.46	£6,946,410.46	£0.00	£6,946,415.46	£5.00

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Alcester Academy	637	£3,755,944.60	£3,741,370.36	-£14,574.24	£3,727,064.71	-£28,879.89
Ashlawn School	1,366	£7,810,982.77	£7,810,982.77	£0.00	£7,810,987.77	£5.00
King Edward VI School	448	£2,560,320.00	£2,560,320.00	£0.00	£2,560,320.00	£0.00
Lawrence Sheriff School	656	£3,749,040.00	£3,749,040.00	£0.00	£3,749,040.00	£0.00
St Benedict's Catholic High School	514	£3,120,475.83	£3,108,547.95	-£11,927.88	£3,096,491.91	-£23,983.92
Trinity Catholic School	496	£3,176,357.19	£3,164,490.55	-£11,866.64	£3,151,504.71	-£24,852.49
St Thomas More Catholic School and Sixth Form College	792	£4,741,829.66	£4,723,814.50	-£18,015.17	£4,706,386.73	-£35,442.93
Ash Green School	910	£5,733,800.33	£5,712,318.14	-£21,482.19	£5,692,070.52	-£41,729.81
Hartshill School	995	£6,580,796.52	£6,556,570.90	-£24,225.62	£6,534,318.48	-£46,478.04
Myton School	1,369	£7,850,042.67	£7,828,981.61	-£21,061.06	£7,828,986.61	-£21,056.06
Rugby High School	596	£3,406,140.00	£3,406,140.00	£0.00	£3,406,140.00	£0.00
Alcester Grammar School	773	£4,417,695.00	£4,417,695.00	£0.00	£4,417,695.00	£0.00
Studley High School	834	£4,881,487.26	£4,862,580.54	-£18,906.72	£4,844,347.43	-£37,139.83
The Nuneaton Academy	860	£5,673,071.34	£5,652,271.61	-£20,799.73	£5,633,232.28	-£39,839.06
Aylesford School Warwick	1,116	£6,240,460.61	£6,215,615.16	-£24,845.44	£6,192,229.96	-£48,230.64

Appendix B

Comparison of the 2023-24 proposed NFF rates to the adjusted NFF rates to enable a 0.25% or 0.5% transfer (note that all options meet the 'Hard' NFF criteria)

NFF Factor	23/24 proposed rates (Option 1)	23/24 proposed rates (Option 2) 0.25% Block transfer	Option 2 Variance	23/24 proposed rates (Option 3) 0.50% Block transfer	Option 3 Variance
Primary basic entitlement	3,395.00	3,377.50	-17.50	3,363.30	-31.70
KS3 basic entitlement	4,780.00	4,760.20	-19.80	4,743.00	-37.00
KS4 basic entitlement	5,380.00	5,357.00	-23.00	5,333.00	-47.00
Primary FSM	480.00	475.00	-5.00	475.00	-5.00
Secondary FSM	480.00	475.00	-5.00	475.00	-5.00
Primary FSM6	695.00	695.50	0.50	695.00	0.00
Secondary FSM6	1,015.00	1,015.00	0.00	1,015.00	0.00
Primary IDACI F	230.00	230.00	0.00	230.00	0.00
Primary IDACI E	280.00	280.00	0.00	280.00	0.00
Primary IDACI D	435.00	435.00	0.00	435.00	0.00
Primary IDACI C	475.00	475.00	0.00	475.00	0.00
Primary IDACI B	510.00	510.00	0.00	510.00	0.00
Primary IDACI A	660.00	660.00	0.00	660.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI F	330.00	330.00	0.00	330.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI E	440.00	440.00	0.00	440.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI D	610.00	610.00	0.00	610.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI C	670.00	670.00	0.00	670.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI B	720.00	720.00	0.00	720.00	0.00
Secondary IDACI A	915.00	915.00	0.00	915.00	0.00
Primary EAL3	580.00	580.00	0.00	579.00	-1.00
Secondary EAL3	1,570.00	1,570.00	0.00	1,567.00	-3.00
Primary LPA	1,160.00	1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00	0.00
Secondary LPA	1,725.00	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00	0.00
Primary mobility	175.00	175.00	0.00	115.00	-60.00
Secondary mobility	250.00	250.00	0.00	165.00	-85.00
Primary lump sum	127,500.00	127,500.00	0.00	126,000.00	-1,500.00
Secondary lump sum	127,500.00	127,500.00	0.00	126,000.00	-1,500.00
Primary sparsity	56,000.00	55,500.00	-500.00	55,500.00	-500.00
Secondary sparsity	81,000.00	81,000.00	0.00	80,500.00	-500.00
Middle-school sparsity	81,000.00	81,000.00	0.00	80,500.00	-500.00
All-through sparsity	81,000.00	81,000.00	0.00	80,500.00	-500.00

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Appendix B: Reasons for 'Yes' or 'No' response to consultation

In response to question 4: **Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?**

	Responses	%
Yes	7	33%
No	12	67%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'Yes'		

Reason for 'Yes' responses:

SEND funding needs raising, particularly given the level of need we have seen in school recently.

The difference between funding options is negligible for Water Orton

SEND needs the funding, and eventually, well-funded SEND provision in schools, benefits school.

Schools need to be able to fund children with high level needs more frequently in mainstream now and current budgets are not able to do this.

Whilst funding reductions have been made there is still a shortfall in the high needs block and 0.5% will be required

The transfer of funds is necessary to boost the funds for pupils with SEND.

Through my school forum involvement, I understand the challenge presented to supporting the high needs block, acknowledge and welcome the continued work that the SEND change group are doing and appreciate this is a collective effort to ensure that long-term change is required, as well as additional ongoing funding.

N/A

The pressure on schools from the growing number of SEND pupils needs to be recognised by increasing the size of the High Needs block. Without an adequate response from central government with regard to this block of funding the only way forward is through the proposed transfer of funding, and it should be the maximum permissible. We have agreed with the Head that we should support this proposal notwithstanding the impact on our budget which is already in deficit. It is not an entirely disinterested response as we have a growing number of applications for EHC Plans in the pipeline, including preschool and reception children who have already been identified as high needs..

Reasons for 'No' responses:

Schools Block Funding should be maximised

Moving money from schools to the high needs block masks the problem and makes it more difficult for schools to support children with SEND within school.

The cost pressures on schools in 2023/24 are predicted to be immense with significant cost pressures due to support staff pay, teacher pay, energy, inflation, funding reductions and potential pension increases. The proposed transfer is not affordable.

Our SEND has increased significantly, as it has regionally and nationally. We use our high needs funding effectively to support our SEND students and need it for staffing and resource. Warwickshire currently lacks provision for SEND and students at risk of exclusion, though I know plans and projects are in place to support this. We are signed up for the free school from 2023/24 which will cost the

school in the region of £20k in places. Schools should not be paying into LA High Needs budget as this should be ring fenced for students in their own school.

Doing so continues to mask the high needs funding problem and perpetuates an unsustainable system.

Next year is going to be a considerable financial challenge due to rising costs and the transfer is unaffordable for schools.

Whilst I appreciate the need for the high needs block to be topped up, unfortunately school budgets themselves are at breaking point. If there was more money coming from central government for schools, this would have been a different answer.

School budgets are already extremely tight and I need my budget to support the needs of non EHCP children with SEND

I am currently trying to support three EHCP children with a total top-up of just £17,000. These are children who have been in our nursery so we already know their needs well and know that 2 of them need high level 1:1 support for every minute of the day. We submitted costed IEPs but have only reduced top up to Band C for all three. I can't afford to lose any of my budget!

Our school has an extremely tight budget and 20% have SEN needs (above national percentages). We have EHCP children with complex SEMH needs but there are no provisions for children of our aged children locally. Therefore we are having to meet needs in school, hence not wanting to lose further money from the school which our community will not benefit from.

Please note that we would not be directly affected by this with the figures given in the table as we trigger the minimum funding guarantee; however, in principle I would be in favour of this depending on other factors. For example, I have heard that you are considering the approach that high ability students (paraphrasing) would not be considered for an EHCP. This seems unfair on students; we have students who are of high ability who most definitely need an EHCP and only thrive because of the EHCP. I would not be prepared to support this increase in transfer if a blanket approach to students at my school were adversely affected by the ridiculous suggestion that able students don't need support.

No comments.

School's budget is very stretched and costs are continuing to rise so do not feel I can agree to increased level of funding proposed.

We think the money would be better spent in schools rather than supporting the High Needs deficit budget.

My view is that we should not support moving either 0.5% or 0.25% from the school block to the High Needs Block 2023/24. This has been done for a number of years now and with the likely pressures on school budgets next year we simply cannot afford to lose any further funding.

Having discussed with the SLT and Governing Body, our view is that we should not sacrifice funding from the school block to cover the deficit in WCC's High Needs Block funding.

As a proactive school we invest above and beyond our SEND budget with the purpose of providing the best start to school life for children with SEND in our mainstream setting. We invest in training for our staff as required and have bought in SEND Supported support due to inadequacies with county SEND provision.

Of the 4 children who left our Year 2 last year with EHCPs, only 1 was funded. Mainstream settings are under considerable pressure to find additional SEND funding in such situations, whilst simultaneously being asked to give back more money to cover WCC deficits and facing increasing significant financial pressures due to material cost of living increases.

In response to question 6: **Do you agree that the Local Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer of up to 0.25% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2023-24?**

	Responses	%
Yes	7	33%
No	14	67%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'No'		

Reason for 'Yes' responses:

Change needs to be sustained, hence the move into the second year.

Schools need to be able to fund children with high level needs more frequently in mainstream now and current budgets are not able to do this.

I would agree to 0.5%

as above

N/A

No comments

This was the level that was set last year.

Reasons for 'No' responses:

No?A

Schools Block Funding should be maximised

The difference between funding options is negligible for Water Orton

Moving money from schools to the high needs block masks the problem and makes it more difficult for schools to support children with SEND within school.

The cost pressures on schools in 2023/24 are predicted to be immense with significant cost pressures due to support staff pay, teacher pay, energy, inflation, funding reductions and potential pension increases. The proposed transfer is not affordable.

See above

Doing so continues to mask the high needs funding problem and perpetuates an unsustainable system.

Next year is going to be a considerable financial challenge due to rising costs and the transfer is unaffordable for schools.

Whilst I appreciate the need for the high needs block to be topped up, unfortunately school budgets themselves are at breaking point. If there was more money coming from central government for schools, this would have been a different answer.

as above

See above.

The transfer of a greater % of funds is necessary to boost the funds for pupils with SEND.

Please see above response

Because it should be 5%

We think the money would be better spent in schools rather than supporting the High Needs deficit budget.

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My view is that we should not support moving either 0.5% or 0.25% from the school block to the High Needs Block 2023/24. This has been done for a number of years now and with the likely pressures on school budgets next year we simply cannot afford to lose any further funding.

See above

In response to question 8: **Do you think that a transfer of a different % should be proposed to the Schools Forum?**

	Responses	%
Yes	5	24%
No	16	76%
Total	21	100%
NB. In addition 2 special schools responded with 'No'		

Reasons for 'Yes' responses:

Change requires money, the funding streams from the Government are limited, I feel that schools' budgets are the only avenues open to supporting this.

I feel that some schools will resist, but we are all here to support the children in Warwickshire, some children just need a little more.

I think a maximum of 0.1% could be proposed and schools should be able to support the high needs block this way.

0% as above

0.1%

Depends on factors raised in previous comment. If it was recognised that able students might also have needs that should be met by an EHCP I would be open to the suggestion of a 0.25% transfer.

No reasons for 'No' responses were provided.

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Item 4

Schools Forum – Forward Plan 2022-23

The table below contains provisional items for the Schools Forum for the next year. This table will be updated and reported to each meeting of the Forum.

Date	For Decision	For Information / Comment
12 January 2023 2pm to 4pm Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023-24 National Funding Formula 2023-24 Early Years Funding Formula 2023-24 Pupil Growth Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG 2022-23 Forecast DSG Recovery Plan Update
23 March 2023 2pm to 4pm Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG 2023-24 Budget Section 48 – Scheme for Financing Schools (subject to any ESFA guidance changes) Annual review of future meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG 2022-23 Forecast DSG Recovery Plan Update
22 June 2023 (TBC) 2pm to 4pm Face-to-Face (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-delegation & Disapplication Consultation Timetable 2024-25 Section 48 – Scheme for Financing Schools (subject to any ESFA guidance changes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG 2022-23 Outturn DSG Recovery Plan Update
28 September 2023 (TBC) 2pm to 4pm Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-delegation 2024-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSG 2023-24 Forecast 2024-25 National Funding Formula (year 6) Timetable and consultation DSG Recovery Plan Update Academy Update Early Years & Childcare Place Sufficiency
November 2023 Extraordinary (TBC) 2pm to 4 pm Microsoft Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5% transfer (if required) 	

Further meetings will be set up once dates for Cabinet have been set so as to avoid any meeting conflicts.

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