
SUBJECT: LA UPDATE ON DFE/ESFA FUNDING
DATE: 18 January 2023
RECIPIENT: School's Forum

SUMMARY:

Update of DFE/ESFA funding to provide update on

1. Mainstream Schools Additional Grant 2023-24
2. School capital funding

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

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1. The 2022 Autumn Statement announced that the core schools budget will increase by £2 billion in the 2023 to 2024 financial year, over and above totals announced at the Spending Review 2021.
2. In the 2023 to 2024 financial year, mainstream schools will be allocated additional funding through the mainstream schools additional grant (MSAG) 2023 to 2024. This is in addition to schools' allocations through the schools national funding formula.
3. The indicative allocation for Southampton schools is £6.323m. The DfE will announce Individual school allocations in May 2023
4. The MSAG will allocate funding to state-funded mainstream schools only. In addition to the MSAG, local authorities have been allocated £400 million additional high needs funding for 2023 to 2024, on top of their high needs national funding formula allocations.
5. Special Schools and Alternative Provision settings will receive a proportion of this additional funding equivalent to the average funding increase that mainstream schools will receive through the MSAG.
6. Schools and sixth-form colleges will receive an allocation from an additional £447 million in capital funding in 2022-23 for capital improvements to buildings and facilities, prioritising works to improve energy efficiency. This is part of an additional £500 million in capital funding for schools and further education institutions in England.
7. This funding on capital projects, prioritising projects that improve your school estate's energy efficiency.
8. Examples of acceptable spend: Energy saving light bulbs, insulating pipes in boiler rooms to prevent heat loss if it's safe to do so, installing TRVs on radiators, Lights set

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timers, sensors and controls to suit your operational needs, including adjustments required for the varying seasons. This is especially important for security lighting, which can be energy intensive. Upgrades to the buildings windows, doors etc, and upgrading kitchen appliances with more energy efficient models.

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