

**Item 10****TITLE OF REPORT: Growth Fund Allocation****Purpose of the Report**

To inform Schools Forum that there has been a successful application for Growth Funding which has satisfied all of the growth fund criteria approved by schools forum.

**Background**

In December 2014 Schools Forum approved the creation and the criteria of a Growth Fund for mainstream schools. Schools Forum agreed to centrally hold £100K of the Dedicated Schools Grant for a Growth Fund as a permitted centrally retained service in accordance with Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations and the Education Funding Agency Schools Revenue Funding 2015 -16 Operational Guide.

The criteria for the Growth Fund have been checked and passed for compliance by the Department for Education.

**St. Philip Neri R. C. Primary School**

St Philip Neri R. C. Primary School made an application to the Growth Fund for funding for pupil growth from September 2015.

In order to accommodate the number of pupils within the Dunston area requiring places for Reception Class in 2015, the school increased their planned admission number from 16 to 30, admitted 23 children in to reception.

Due to the general population growth in the area, the school has seen its pupil numbers increase from October 2014 to October 2015 by 21 which required the school to have an additional class, as the pre September school structure could not support the increased numbers, and the school will still have some mixed year groups until the school is full.

The school has also received basic need funding to expand the school due to the current and anticipated need in the Dunston area.

In accordance with the Growth Funding criteria, the allocation is calculated as  
 AWPU \* pupil numbers \* 7/12

£2,905 \* 23 pupils \* 7/12 = £38,975

However as this calculation is above the £35,000 maximum for a 7/12ths payment the school was awarded the maximum of £35,000.

### **Proposal**

That Schools Forum notes the application for Growth Funding by St. Philip Neri R. C. Primary School and the allocation of £35,000 for additional pupils from September 2015.

### **Recommendations**

That Schools Forum notes that funding has been awarded to Philip Neri R. C. Primary School for growth in pupil numbers.

### **For the following reasons:-**

- To provide funding for increased pupil numbers from September 2015

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