

**Item 6****TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream High Needs Top Ups 2016/17**

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**Purpose of the Report**

To bring to Schools Forums attention and for approval the proposed Mainstream schools top up rates from April 2016.

**Background**

Under the new funding arrangements for children with Special Educational Needs, the government wants all children and young people in similar circumstances to be funded on a comparable level. This ethos is inclusive for all types of High Need pupils up to the age of 25.

**Current Mainstream School Top Up Rates 2015/16**

A banded top up structure for mainstream schools was introduced in 2013/14 in accordance with DfE guidance, and adapted in 2015/16 to reflect the varying range in levels of support that may be required.

To construct the bandings, the varying costs of the mainstream provision supporting children is calculated, and banded according to additional hours of support for element three top up funding. This is based on a Teaching Assistant level 3 providing the additional support required.

The budget for mainstream top ups within the High Needs Block for 2016/17 is £0.760m, with a projected outturn at quarter 3 on actual top ups of £0.785m, which is a 3.2% (£0.025m) overspend.

**Proposed Mainstream School Top Up Rates 2016/17**

For the calculation of rates for 2016/17, it is proposed to calculate bandings at the same rate as 2015/16, but with the deduction of 1.5% in line with minimum funding guarantee level (MFG).

It is therefore proposed that Schools Forum approves the changes to mainstream schools top ups to ensure consistency of funding for mainstream schools within the available financial envelope.

The proposed rates are shown in Appendix 1.

### **Recommendations**

That school forum approves the mainstream banding proposal for 2016/17.

### **For the following reason(s):**

To enable Mainstream School top up budgets to be set and mainstream schools to estimate their high needs income for financial year 2016/17.

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## Appendix 1

### Mainstream Schools top ups 2016/17

Mainstream (Reception to Year 11)			
	No of hours support per fte	Top up funding per fte	Requirements
<b>From School Resource</b>	1 to 10	£0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Access to high quality universal services supported by curriculum differentiation or environmental access/adaptation as appropriate.</li> <li>-Some targeted or integrated support.</li> <li>-Group strategies used flexibly to promote independent or child-initiated learning.</li> <li>-Some specific reinforcement or skill-development activities may be required.</li> <li>-Access to regular and additional targeted teaching in small groups and/or individually to address the pupil's individual needs, including social (skills), physical, medical and self help skills.</li> <li>-Some intensive individualised programmes may be required with long term adaptation of the curriculum to address the attainment levels which will be significantly below age related expectations in National Curriculum subjects.</li> <li>-Input from specialist outside agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 5</b>	11 to 15	£2,760	<p>As from schools resources plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Individualised programmes/adaptations will be required with adaptations for specific skills development to ensure access to the curriculum and/or significant physical/medical needs are met.</li> <li>-Additional and different activities may be required with regular opportunities for over learning (repetition).</li> <li>-Additional access to specialist equipment may be required.</li> <li>-Ongoing advice and support from specialist outside agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 4</b>	16 to 20	£5,520	As per Band 5 but with higher levels of support required.
<b>Band 3</b>	21-25	£8,280	<p>As Band 4 and 5 plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Extensive individualised programmes and some one-to-one support to enable the pupil to concentrate and access the curriculum or to meet complex physical and/or medical needs more severe than at Band 4.</li> <li>-Regular supervision throughout the day, including the use of time out and other such approaches.</li> <li>-Some support may be required during unstructured times.</li> <li>-There may be multi-agency direct involvement.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 2</b>	26 to 30	£11,040	<p>As Band 3 plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-access through the usual mainstream groupings may not be appropriate for some areas of the curriculum due to significant or complex learning/physical/medical needs so extensive individualised programmes will be required which may involve the use of specialist teaching techniques, alternative communication methods, appropriate equipment and materials.</li> <li>-On-going direct support and advice from external agencies.</li> <li>-Support during un-structured times for health and safety reasons.</li> </ul>
<b>Band 1</b>	31 to 35	£13,800	<p>Pupils in this band would be those who require full time support in mainstream school because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-are very disabled</li> <li>-present with exceptionally challenging behaviour,</li> <li>-are severely autistic</li> <li>-present serious Health and Safety considerations.</li> </ul>