

**TITLE OF REPORT: Additional Mainstream Top Up Funding**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. This report builds on a report brought to Schools Forum March 2022 and provides an update to Schools Forum on the outcome of the applications for the financial year 2021/22.

**Background**

2. A process was developed to enable schools with large proportions of children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's) and large numbers of children on their special educational needs (SEN) register to apply for additional high needs block (HNB) funding, as there is an anomaly in the mainstream funding system that puts inclusive schools at a financial disadvantage.
3. Five schools applied for additional funding from the HNB and funding was allocated on the following basis:-
  - Funding for a child who's EHCP had been agreed April 2022
  - Funding for EHCP children where the top up for the number of hours awarded in the EHCP did not cover the standard cost of a L3 TA for that number of hours
  - Schools that demonstrated that they had spent over their notional SEN funding on children on their SEN register.
4. A total of £101,959 has been awarded.

**Proposal**

5. That Schools Forum notes the content of the report and that all schools that applied have been notified of their allocation. The application process will be updated with lessons learned from this funding round and an updated process will be brought to Schools Forum for approval at a later meeting.

**Recommendations**

6. That Schools Forum notes the outcome of the funding applications

For the following reasons: -

- To ensure that Schools Forum is aware of the additional funding allocated to the schools that applied.
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