

**10 November 2022****TITLE OF REPORT: Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Learning Mentors**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update School Forum on the funding of Emotionally Based School Avoidance (ESBA) Learning Mentors for financial year 2023/2024.

**Background**

2. This report builds feeds back on the actions agreed during Septembers Schools Forum relating to EBSA buyback. Members of Schools Forum consulted with secondary schools and maintained primary schools.
3. Information was sent out to maintained primary schools with 32 reponses received. 29 of the responses indicated "All Schools", 2 schools indicated "Maintained Schools only, and one school "Other".
4. The proposal was also discussed at Gateshead's Secondary Leaders Group which feedback that all of Gateshead's Secondary Schools apart from Heworth Grange would support EBSA buyback for 2023/24 financial year.

**Proposal**

5. On the basis of the support provided by Gateshead Schools the buy back values for schools will be set at £1.20 per pupil for primary schools and £2.40 per pupil for secondary schools.

**Recommendations**

6. It is recommended that Schools Forum ratifies the dedelegation and buyback proposals for the EBSA service for the financial year 2023/24 at £1.20 per pupil for primary schools and £2.40 per pupil for secondary schools.

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

To enable the EBSA service to be provided to all schools that financially support the service.