

Item 9**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 2015 and the Education Funding Agency Schools Revenue Funding 2016 -17 Operational Guide.

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

Ravensworth Terrace School

Ravensworth Terrace School made an application to the Growth Fund for funding for pupil growth from September 2016.

The school is in the process of being re-built on a new site as a 2 form entry school due to basic need in the Birtley area, and as such the schools Planned Admissions Number (PAN) has been increased from 30 to 60 from September 2016.

School admissions have confirmed that 60 children will be admitted in September 2016 and the school meet all of the Growth Fund criteria.

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

£2,905 * 30 pupils * 7/12 = £50,837.50

This amount is over the maximum allocation permitted for primary schools and therefore the amount of £35,000 will be allocated to Ravensworth Terrace.

Proposal

That Schools Forum notes the application for Growth Funding by Ravensworth Terrace Primary School and the allocation of £35,000 for additional pupils from September 2016.

Recommendations

That Schools Forum notes that funding has been awarded to Ravensworth Terrace Primary School for growth in pupil numbers.

For the following reasons:-

- To provide funding for increased pupil numbers from September 2016

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