

9 January 2020

Item 3**TITLE OF REPORT: Growth Fund Allocation**

Purpose of the Report

To inform Schools Forum that there has been a successful application and allocations of Growth Funding that have satisfied the growth fund criteria previously approved by Schools Forum.

Background

In December 2014 Schools Forum approved the creation and the criteria of a Growth Fund for mainstream schools (appendix 1). Schools Forum agreed to centrally hold £100,000 of the Dedicated Schools Grant for a Growth Fund as a permitted centrally retained service in accordance with Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2019 and the Education and Skills Funding Agency Schools Revenue Funding 2019 - 20 Operational Guide. For 2019 – 20 the growth fund is £779,732.

Emmaville Primary School

Emmaville School made an application to the Growth Fund for funding for pupil growth from September 2019.

The school has been extended to create a 2-form entry school due to basic need (pupil population growth) in the Crawcrook area of Gateshead. The schools Planned Admissions Number (PAN) was increased from 45 to 60 from September 2016.

School Admissions team have confirmed that 60 children will be admitted in September 2018 and the school meets all of the Growth Fund criteria. The Schools Budget Team have supported the school in applying for funding and the Service Director, Learning and Schools has approved the allocation of funding.

In accordance with the Growth Funding criteria, the allocation is calculated as Age Weighted Pupil Unit * additional pupil numbers * 7/12.

$£2,817.22 * 35 \text{ pupils} * 7/12 = £98,602.70$

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

Thomas Hepburn Pupils

Schools Forum approved the updated Growth Fund Criteria at September's Schools Forum to allow the funding that was recouped from Thomas Hepburn to fund

schools and settings. The funding was then divided by the number of children displaced from the school to give a per pupil allocation of £5,104.906. This was then multiplied by the number children at the different settings to give the funding allocations.

Below is a table of funding allocations to the different schools and settings. For those children that where out of borough (OOB) at a special school or had been permanently excluded (PX) the funding was transferred to the High Needs Block (HNB) of the DSG to support the funding of their education in schools and settings that will be paid for by the HNB.

School / Setting Moved To	Total	
Hebburn Comprehensive School	18	£92,536.30
Emmanuel College	35	£179,931.70
Lord Lawson	17	£87,395.40
Cardinal Hume	1	£5,140.91
Heworth Grange	7	£35,986.34
Joseph Swan	26	£133,663.55
Thorp	1	£5,140.91
Whickham	1	£5,140.91
Kingsmeadow	10	£51,409.06
Futures Plus UTC	6	£30,845.43
OOB/Special/PX	16	£82,254.49
Total	138	£709,445.00

Proposal

That Schools Forum notes the allocation of Growth Funding to Emmaville Primary School of £35,000 for additional pupils from September 2019 and notes the allocation of growth funding to the above schools settings and HNB for the displaced Thomas Hepburn pupils.

Recommendations

That Schools Forum notes that funding has been awarded to Emmaville Primary School for growth in pupil numbers and the allocation of funding to the above schools and settings for the displaced Thomas Hepburn pupils.

For the following reasons: -

- To provide funding for increased pupil numbers from September 2019
- To allow funding to follow the child for the displaced Thomas Hepburn pupils

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