

**TITLE OF REPORT: Additional Mainstream SEND Funding**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. This report brings to Schools Forum applications from 5 schools for additional mainstream special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) funding for the financial year 2022/23.

**Background**

2. This 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. Four schools applied for additional funding from the HNB and funding was allocated on the following basis:-
  - 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 £99,910 has been awarded to 4 schools.

**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 has not yet been updated with lessons learned from the 2 funding rounds, but when this work takes place 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.