



West
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Item 8: Grants and Funding Updates 2021-22

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1. Introduction

It is the responsibility of Schools Forum to inform maintained schools on when the central government grants will be paid to schools. This presentation provides that information.



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Schools forum powers and responsibilities

A summary of the powers and responsibilities of schools forums.

Function	Local authority	Schools forum	DfE role
Financial issues relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• administration arrangements for the allocation of central government grants	Consults annually	Gives a view and informs the governing bodies of all consultations	None

2. Grants Overview 2021-22

Grant Funding	Basis for Schools	Received by LA	LA plan to pay Schools	Academies receive direct from ESFA	Changes
Devolved Formula Capital	April to March financial year	Previously received in June	July	Academies receive SCA or CIF	
Pupil Premium Grant – ESFA allocations	April to March financial year	Last day of: June, September, December, March	July, October, January, March	July, October, January, April	Based on October 2020 census, no longer the preceding January
Pupil Premium Grant – Looked After Children	April to March financial year		Termly		
PE & Sports Premium	Sept to Aug Academic year	April 2021 (2 nd of 2020-21) October 2021 (1 st of 2021-22)	May 2021 November 2021	May 2021 November 2021	further relaxation of ring-fencing
Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)	Sept to Aug Academic year	June – 3/12 th of 2020-21 June - 7/12 th of 2021-22	July 2021	June 2021	
Covid Catch Up Grant	Sept to Aug Academic year	Termly	Termly	Termly	

School level allocations are available on gov.uk, full links are provided slides below. Pupil level data is available confidentially with a secure log in and password on their 'Key to Success' Website.

3. DSG Funding - Early Years Block 2021-22 (1)

- Final 2020-21 adjustment to the Early Years Funding Blocks will be received in July
- A change to the calculation of the final part of the 2020-21 early years grant was announced in March.
- The financial impact of covid and a comparison to the DSG early years block funding allocations to nursery providers on the 2020-21 year will be finalised once received and brought back to a future Schools Forum meeting.

3. DSG Funding - Early Years Block 2021-22 (2)

Last year LAs were asked by the DfE to financially support providers with drops of attendance due to Covid, however, from 1st January 2021 LAs were asked to return to the normal funding process and pay providers for places and hours delivered for EY entitlements.

The DfE announced changes to the way that LAs would be funded in recognition of the fact that January 2021 may not be representative because of the pandemic.

Funding is usually based a January count which is felt provides the 'mid point' between lower numbers in the autumn term and higher numbers in the summer. Funding for 2020-21 would instead be as follows:

- Pay LAs for 2020 summer and autumn terms on the basis of their January 2020 census.
- Pay LAs for the 2021 spring term based on January 2021 census attendance Plus
- A top up if attendance increased through the spring term based on the average of the January 2021 and May 2021 census numbers. This would be capped, however, and only apply if numbers fell below 85% of the January 2020 numbers.
- Work is underway to identify whether WNC is below the 85% threshold for 2 or 3-4 year olds.

Funding for LAs not eligible for the top-up will be based on:

- 9/12th of the January 2020 census PTE numbers (to cover April 2020 to December 2020) Plus
- 3/12 of the January 2021 census numbers (to cover January 2021 to March 2021) Final funding allocations will be published in November

APPENDICES

Further detail on grant funding for reference

Devolved Formula Capital

Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) is direct funding for individual institutions to maintain their buildings and fund other small-scale capital projects.

- WNC will pay DFC non-VA (voluntary aided) maintained schools via their monthly top-ups in July following receipt of the grant.
- Academies and Voluntary Aided schools receive direct from ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency)
- The pupil numbers used are taken from the previous year's School Census or the Individualised Learner Record (ILR).
- Each school has three years to spend each year's allocation, and the allocation must be spent by the 31st of March of the third year.
- No change to DFC methodology or rates as compared to 2020-21

	Per non-boarding Pupil rate 2021-22	Lump sum per school 2021-22
Nursery/Primary	£11.25	£4,000
Secondary	£16.88	£4,000
Post-16	£22.50	£4,000
Special Schools	£33.75	£4,000

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) (1)

Change for 2021-22: Pupil Premium funding is based on pupil numbers from October 2020 census. Previously it was the preceding January (for example 2020-21 was based on January 2020).

Pupil premium funding is received by WNC from Government in quarterly instalments and is paid to schools in the next available monthly transfers following receipt, with the exception of March which is paid in advance of receipt. Payment months are July, October, January and March.

Rates for 2021-22	April 2020- March 2021	April 2021- March 2022
Deprivation PPG based on Free School Meal eligibility for any day in the last 6 years (Primary)	£1,345	£1,345
Pupil Premium (Secondary)	£955	£955
Pupil Premium Plus (LAC/Post LAC)	£2,345	£2,345
Service Children	£310	£310

The LAC numbers will be updated in December 2021. This means that some schools could see a small reduction in the number of Ever 6 FSM pupils counted for their pupil premium allocation, if the pupil is identified as LAC in the update. In these cases the schools concerned would see a reduction in their pupil premium allocation.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) (2)

The Pupil Premium Grant Allocation for Looked After Children (LAC) is managed locally by the Virtual School Head. The allocations are locally determined rather than provided to WNC by Government.

For the financial year 2021-22 the Virtual School will receive £2,345 of PP+ funding for eligible pupils from Year R to 11 who are looked after by West Northamptonshire Local Authority.

As per the previous year, The Northamptonshire Virtual School will divide the total amount of £2,345 into three instalments;

- £775 in the summer term
- £785 in the autumn term
- £785 in the spring term

The termly instalment will be devolved automatically to education settings upon completion of a Personal Education Plan (PEP) in the previous term. If a child is new to care and a PEP is completed in the term they enter care, the PP+ monies for that term will be devolved to schools.

The Looked LAC numbers will be updated in December 2021. This means that some schools could see a small reduction in the number of Ever 6 FSM pupils counted for their pupil premium allocation, if the pupil is identified as LAC in the update. In these cases the schools concerned would see a reduction in their pupil premium allocation.

PE & Sports Premium (1)

The £320 million PE and sport premium will continue for the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Unspent PE and sport premium grant funding

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Department for Education took steps to relax the ring-fencing arrangements for the PE and sport premium in the 2019 to 2020 academic year to allow any unspent grant to be carried forward into the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

On 17 June 2021 the Education Secretary announced a further relaxation of ring-fencing arrangements for the PE and sport premium. This will allow any unspent grant to be carried forward into the 2021 to 2022 academic year.

Any under-spends carried forward from the 2019 to 2020 academic year, and the 2020 to 2021 academic year, will need to be spent in full by 31 July 2022. Schools should factor this into PE and sport premium spending plans. The [2020 to 2021 conditions of grant documents](#) have been updated to reflect this.

PE & Sports Premium (2)

Calculation of Allocations and timing of Payments

Primary Schools receive PE and sport premium funding based on the number of pupils in years 1 to 6.

In cases where schools do not follow year groups (for example, in some special schools), pupils aged 5 to 10 attract the funding.

Academic Year	2021 to 2022 Financial Year	Payment from Govt to LA	Payment from LA to Schools
2020 to 2021	April 2021 to August 2021	30 April 2021	May 2021
2021 to 2022	September 2021 to March 2022	30 October 2021	November 2021

Rates for 2020 to 2021

Schools with 16 or fewer eligible pupils receive £1,000 per pupil.

Schools with 17 or more eligible pupils receive £16,000 and an additional payment of £10 per pupil.

Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)

Funding rates and allocations

- £2.34 x 190 meals = £444.60 per pupil for 2021-22 (same rate in 2020-21)
- Eligible pupil numbers are the average number of pupils between October 2021 and January 2022 censuses, less number of free school meal (FSM) eligible pupils for year 1 and 2
- Reception year as above unless January 2022 census less FMS is greater, in which case that is used.

Payment arrangements

Government pay grant to local authorities in 2021-22 as follows:

- June 2021 – final allocation for 2020-21 academic year less 7/12ths of provisional paid in June 2020
- June 2021 – 7/12th of **provisional** allocation 2021-22 academic year (based on 2020-21 allocation).
- Paid to Schools in July monthly transfers

Covid Catch-up Premium

Funding allocations

£80 Mainstream schools – per **pupil** from reception to year 11 inclusive.

£240 Special, Alternative Provision and Hospital Schools – per **place** for the 2020 to 2021 academic year:

Government have applied additional weighting to specialist settings, recognising the significantly higher per pupil costs they face. A typical primary school of 200 pupils will receive £16,000 while a typical secondary school of 1,000 pupils will receive £80,000.

Payment schedule

- Final payment of Covid Catch Up Premium to be received in Summer term of 2020-21 to be received in 2021-22
- Summer 2021 term - a further £33.33 per pupil or £100 per special, AP or Hospital place

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/catch-up-premium-coronavirus-covid-19/catch-up-premium>