



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING DATE	29 November 2018
AGENDA ITEM 8	2019-20 Growth / Falling Rolls Funding estimates
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the Schools' Forum: a) Notes the estimated allocations for 2019-20 Growth Funding b) Notes the estimated allocations for 2019-20 Falling Rolls Funding

1 Growth Funding 2019-20

Background

1.1 Growth funding forms a part of the Schools Block but is outside of the funding formula allocations. The funding is expected to fund the following;

- implicit growth – funding to support growing schools (Whitehall Park and COLAPI) where the increased numbers are included in the funding formula
- explicit growth - allocations will be made in accordance with funding guidelines issued by the DfE and will fund either bulge, permanent expansions or additional adhoc classes.
- falling rolls – funding to support schools who are experiencing short-term roll number reductions

1.2 Both explicit growth and falling rolls funding are top-sliced, in agreement with Forum, at the January Forum. Current funding arrangements are 400k and 300k respectively.

1.3 For 2019-20 the DfE's methodology for calculating growth funding allocations to Local Authorities has changed. Growth funding will be allocated to local authorities using a new formulaic method based on lagged growth data. The change in the method of funding local authorities has not changed the way in which authorities can allocate funding locally meaning Forum can still agree to top-slice for explicit growth and falling rolls.

1.4 In 2019-20 the DfE will allocate growth funding at LA Level, based on increases in primary and secondary pupil numbers at Middle Layer Super Output Areas between the October 2017 and October 2018 school censuses. Growth will be subject to transitional protection based on the 2018-19 DSG growth allocation. Final funding announcement for growth will be updated in December 2018 but the table below demonstrates Islington's estimated reduction in funds.

	2019-20 Estimate	2018-19 Current	Change
Growth	783,554	1,170,903	- 387,348

1.5 If current funding arrangements are continued the estimated 2019-20 growth funds will not meet the necessary requirements, as shown in the table below:

2019-20 Budget	783,554
Implicit growth estimate	-249,973
Current Explicit Growth	-400,000
Current Falling Rolls	-300,000
Shortfall in 2019-20 Growth Funding	-166,419

1.6 Based on the current 2018-19 outturn positions in both the explicit growth and falling rolls budgets, underspends of 32k and 143k respectively will fully mitigate the potential loss in 2019-20. This would be subject to Forum's approval following an updated report in January 2019.

2019-20 Explicit Growth Funding

1.7 Forum have, for the past 4 years, agreed to top-slice 400k for the explicit growth fund. Until final DSG allocations are known and presented to Forum in January and for the purpose of this report, it is assumed that 400k remains the same for 2019-20.

1.8 The latest methodology for allocating additional funds for schools who are experiencing a specific type of growth in their roll numbers had been discussed and agreed at Forum in May 2018. Applicable methodology for 2019-20 can be seen in Appendixes A & B.

1.9 Final funding will be allocated following the October 19 census compared to October 2018 pupil numbers.

1.10 Whilst growth funding applies to both maintained and academy schools, it is important to note that funding can only be allocated where the school or academy has agreed with the Local Authority to provide an extra class in order to meet basic need. Funding cannot be allocated to schools who choose to operate outside of this regulation.

1.11 The table below shows the anticipated funding required against the explicit growth funding budget.

	PAN From	PAN To	Fin Yr Start	Fin Yr Finish	Bulge Class	Permanen Expansion	Total	NOTES
Ambler (30)	30	6	2013/14	2019/20		60,083	60,083	
Hargrave Park (15)	30	4	2013/14	2019/20		57,458	57,458	
Winton (30)*	30	6	2015/16	2021/22	48,906		48,906	Current NOR in bulge class = 39, protection applies*
Moreland (30)	30	6	2016/17	2022/23		60,083	60,083	
Central Foundation (30)	150	18	2018/19	2022/23		65,333	65,333	
COLA HG (30)	210	24	2019-20	2025/26		65,333	65,333	
Tufnell Park (45)	45	9	2019/20	2025/26		60,083	60,083	Potential phased increment of PAN - check in 19/20
Totals					48,906	368,373	417,279	
Budget							400,000	
2019-20 (Over) spend							- 17,279	

1.12 For those schools in blue a separate methodology will apply:

- Tufnell Park are due to expand in September 2019 – it is recommended that final funding allocations are based on actual numbers on the October 2019 census
- Winton – as previously agreed by Forum in May 2015, protection arrangements will apply to any school who admitted a bulge class but falls below 50 NOR in the cohort. For Winton, this protection arrangement will apply. Based on current roll numbers, the school has only 39 pupils in the year it admitted the bulge class. Therefore, based on the protection arrangements shown in appendix A, Winton would receive the following funding as explicit growth:

	Oct 18 NOR	Protected NOR	Nos to protect	Unit of Funding	Total
Base Rate	39	50	11	£3,246	£35,706
Other Factor funding	39	50	11	£1,200	£13,200
Total funds to allocate					£48,906

1.13 It is recommended that Forum agree, in principle, to continue explicit growth fund and note the potential allocations as shown in 1.11.

2 2019-20 Falling Rolls Funding

2.1 Falling rolls funding forms a part of the Growth Funding element of the Schools Block. Each year, in an agreement with Schools Forum, an amount may be top-sliced from the DSG to support those schools who are experiencing short-term roll reductions and who have an Ofsted rating of good or better.

2.2 In previous years, and although not fully utilised, this top-sliced amount has remained consistent at £300k per year.

2.3 The methodology for calculating growth funds for 2019-20 has changed, as described above, and may directly impact on the funding available to support schools with falling rolls. Final DSG allocations will be announced in December and recommendations will follow at the January Forum.

2.4 For the purposes of this paper, the assumption has been made that the £300k will apply again in 2019-20 and funding for schools with falling rolls will be made against this budget.

2.5 As per the report presented to Forum in May 2018, the full set of criteria and funding methodology for Islington are as follows:

- As per the DfE - The school must have been judged good or outstanding at their last OFSTED inspection. *DfE requirement*
- The total number of pupils on roll (NOR) has dropped by at least 5% between last October census and the previous year's October census. *Islington requirement*
- Vacancy Capacity of school is a minimum of 15% of PAN (Published Admission Number). *Islington requirement*
- Local planning data shows the places will be required within the next 3-5 years.
- Schools receiving growth funding are excluded.

2.6 At present, where a school meets all the above criteria, funding will be provided using the following calculation:

the NOR as at last October census (2018) will be deducted from the NOR of the previous year October's census (2017). The result will be multiplied by the current Base Rate, appropriate to phase, pro rata April-August i.e. 5 months.

2.7 Subject to overall affordability, this method of calculating funds will continue, else, an alternative methodology will be presented to Forum in January.

2.8 The table in Appendix C shows how the current criteria has been applied for the 2019-20 financial year. There are 5 primary schools who would benefit from the falling rolls funding and no secondary schools.

2.9 The table below shows a summary of the funding to be allocated compared to the estimated budget available.

Estimated Budget						300,000
				£3,246		
2019-20 allocations	Oct-17	Oct-18	Change	Base Rate	5/12ths	
Blessed Sacrament	184	173	-11	35,706.00	14,877.50	
Copenhagen	171	158	-13	42,198.00	17,582.50	
Highbury Quadrant	338	292	-46	149,316.00	62,215.00	
Montem	382	356	-26	84,396.00	35,165.00	
Pooles Park	333	301	-32	103,872.00	43,280.00	
						173,120
						Surplus Balance at end of 2019-20
						126,880

2.10 It should be noted here, that should falling rolls funding be payable to academies, the local authority should fund the increase for the period from the additional September intake through until the following August.

2.11 Based on the above, it is recommended that Forum agree, in principle, to continue funding schools with falling rolls and note the potential allocations shown in 2.9.

2.12 Final decisions on allocations will be presented to the January 2019 Forum following the DSG settlement in December.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Growth Funding – Schools’ Forum are asked to agree the continuation of explicit growth funding and note the potential allocations.

3.2 Falling Rolls - Schools’ Forum are asked to agree the continuation of falling rolls funding and note the potential allocations.

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Appendix A:

DFE requirements for allocating Pupil Growth Funding

The DfE Operational Guidance stipulates the following when agreeing the formula for allocating pupil growth funds:

- where a school or academy has agreed with the authority to provide an extra class in order to meet basic need in the area (either as a bulge class or as an ongoing commitment)
- additional support where a school has extended its age range
- support where a school has temporarily increased its PAN by x or more pupils in agreement with the authority
- support for KS1 classes where overall pupil numbers exceed a multiple of 30 by x or fewer pupils
- pre-opening costs / initial equipping allowance / diseconomy of scale allowance for new maintained schools and academies, including new academies where the school is opening in response to basic need

Islington methodology for allocating funds for Bulge Classes & Additional Classes

Growth funding would be provided to a Primary school where they fall into one of the following criteria, which has been agreed by the LA and is necessary to meet population growth:

- a school is permanently expanding
- they admit a bulge class
- a one and a half form entry school increases to two form on a temporary basis
- a one and a half form entry school agrees to take over numbers

Funding would be allocated to schools who meet the criteria on the following basis:

In the financial year the new class opens, and assuming the additional class starts in September, the school will receive an in-financial year budget adjustment to reflect the anticipated increase in pupil numbers:

1. 7/12ths - average salary costs for a teacher;
2. 7/12ths - average salary costs for a teaching assistant;
3. £300 per pupil towards additional resources and materials

Protection Arrangements

For a bulge class of 30:

The school will receive funding for the additional pupils as part of the main budget, in the year following the additional class starting. However, the protection will apply to the numbers over the standard PAN. If the pupil numbers in fall below 50 the following protections will apply:

- Protection to 20 pupils for the full year Base Rate (£3,246.00), plus other formula factors (£1,200)

Appendix B:

Bulge Class Additional Pupil Funding - Primary

----- Bulge Class - 30 Pupils -----

Increase to Base Budget:		
Base Rate - Receive through Funding Formula		
Other Factor Funding - Receive through Funding Formula		
Add'l costs:	Full Year	7 months
Teacher Cost (Thresh 1)	-59,000	-34,417
Teaching Assistant (Sc5)	-35,000	-20,417
	-94,000	-54,833
Resources (£300 / pupil)	-300	-175
Add'l funds to the school		

Start-up Year	Year 1	Year 2
30 Pupils	20 Pupils	20 Pupils
Lump Sum (in-year allocation)	Base Rate + Other Factor Funding	Base Rate + Other Factor Funding
7 months	£3,246.00 £1,200.00 Full Year	£3,246.00 £1,200.00 Full Year
	64,920 24,000	64,920 24,000
54,833	-94,000	-94,000
5,250		
60,083	-5,080	-5,080

Appendix C – 2019-20 Falling Rolls

School Name	PAN 2012-13 to 2018-19	Oct 17 Census	Oct 18 Census	Yr-on-yr Roll Increase/ Decrease	FALLING ROLLS FUNDS - 2019-20			
					Good or Outstanding School	% yr-on-yr movement	% Surplus Capacity	Overall Qualification
					Y	5%	15%	
Ambler	390	352	382	30	Y		-2%	
Ashmount	420	406	404	-2	Y	0%	-4%	
Blessed Sacrament	210	184	173	-11	Y	-6%	-18%	Y
Canonbury	420	417	415	-2	Y	0%	-1%	
Christ The King	405	338	324	-14	Y	-4%	-20%	
City of London Academy Primary	90	42	63	21	Y		-30%	
Clerkenwell Parochial	240	184	147	-37	N	-20%	-39%	
Copenhagen	420	171	158	-13	Y	-8%	-62%	Y
Drayton Park	315	288	276	-12	Y	-4%	-12%	
Duncombe	420	407	381	-26	Y	-6%	-9%	
Gillespie	210	206	210	4	Y			
Grafton	450	429	427	-2	Y	0%	-5%	
Hanover	315	306	301	-5	Y	-2%	-4%	
Hargrave Park	300	254	281	27	Y		-6%	
Highbury Quadrant	420	338	292	-46	Y	-14%	-30%	Y
Hugh Myddelton	420	407	417	10	Y		-1%	
Hungerford	420	311	213	-98	N	-32%	-49%	
Laycock	350	384	384	0	Y			
Montem	420	382	356	-26	Y	-7%	-15%	Y
Moreland	285	229	258	29	Y		-9%	
Newington Green	420	383	377	-6	Y	-2%	-10%	
New North Academy	420	317	306	-11	Y	-3%	-27%	
Pakeman	315	290	300	10	Y		-5%	
Pooles Park	420	333	301	-32	Y	-10%	-28%	Y
Prior Weston	420	390	369	-21	Y	-5%	-12%	
Robert Blair	195	173	176	3	Y		-10%	
Rotherfield	420	379	368	-11	Y	-3%	-12%	
Sacred Heart	420	405	415	10	Y		-1%	
St Andrew's	210	200	190	-10	Y	-5%	-10%	
St Joan Of Arc	420	412	400	-12	Y	-3%	-5%	
St John Evangelist	280	273	276	3	Y		-1%	
St John's Highbury Vale	210	208	199	-9	Y	-4%	-5%	
St John's Upper Holloway	210	194	195	1	Y		-7%	
St Joseph's	420	406	411	5	Y		-2%	
St Jude's And St Paul's	210	197	183	-14	Y	-7%	-13%	
St Luke's	210	210	207	-3	Y	-1%	-1%	
St Mark's	210	206	203	-3	Y	-1%	-3%	
St Mary Magdalene Academy (Pri)	210	210	213	3	Y			
St Mary's Ce Islington	210	202	202	0	Y		-4%	
St Peter's And St Paul's	210	196	201	5	Y		-4%	
Thornhill	420	400	417	17	Y		-1%	
Tufnell Park	315	304	311	7	Y		-1%	
Vittoria	210	192	182	-10	Y	-5%	-13%	
Whitehall Park	300	236	270	34	Y		-10%	
William Tyndale	420	420	418	-2	Y	0%	0%	
Winton	285	208	200	-8	Y	-4%	-30%	
Yerbury	420	416	410	-6	Y	-1%	-2%	
Primary Totals	15,330	13,795	13,562	- 233	Primary schools to fund falling rolls			5
	2013-14 to 2018-19							
Arts & Media School Islington	810	631	659	28	Y	0%	-19%	
Central Foundation Boys	780	743	771	28	Y		-1%	
COLA, Highgate Hill	700	352	417	65	N		-40%	
COLAI	705	648	694	46	Y		-2%	
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson	900	880	891	11	Y		-1%	
Highbury Fields	700	672	674	2	Y		-4%	
Highbury Grove	1050	972	934	-38	N	-4%	-11%	
Holloway	900	754	644	-110	N	-15%	-28%	
St Aloysius College	900	880	863	-17	Y	-2%	-4%	
St Mary Magdalene Academy (Sec)	912	879	905	26	Y		-1%	
Secondary Totals	8,357	7,411	7,452	41	Secondary schools to fund falling rolls			0