



ISLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

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SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING DATE	26 November 2020
AGENDA ITEM: 6	2021-22 Growth / Falling Rolls Funding proposals
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the Schools' Forum: a) Notes the estimated allocations for 2021-22 Growth Funding b) Notes the estimated allocations for 2021-22 Falling Rolls Funding

1 Growth Funding 2021-22

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 COLPAI) 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 £300k and £400k respectively.
- 1.3 Growth funding will be allocated to local authorities using a formulaic method based on lagged growth data. Local authorities that received growth funding protection in 2020-21 will continue to receive protection in 2021-22, meaning the maximum reduction in growth funding for these local authorities will be set at -0.5% of their total DSG schools block allocation in 2020-21.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 In 2021-22 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 2019 and 2020 school censuses. Growth funding will then be subject to transitional protection as detailed in 1.4. Final funding announcement for growth will be updated in December 2021 but the table in Appendix A demonstrates Islington's estimated allocation.

2021-22 Explicit Growth Funding

- 1.6 Previously, Forum have agreed to top-slice £300k 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 £300k remains for 2021-22.
- 1.7 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. Refer to Appendices B & C for 2021-22 methodology.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 The table below shows the anticipated funding required against the explicit growth funding budget.

2021-22 TOTAL BUDGET								£300,000
SPEND TO DATE:	PAN From	PAN To	Actual Oct 21	Fin Yr Start	Fin Yr Finish	Bulge Class	Permanent Expansion	Total
Winton (30)	30	60		2015/16	2021/22	£25,879		£25,879
Moreland (30)	30	60		2016/17	2022/23		£67,156	£67,156
Central Foundation (30)	150	180		2018/19	2022/23		£73,651	£73,651
COLA HG (30)	210	240		2019/20	2023/24		£73,651	£73,651
Tufnell Park (45)	45	90		2019/20	2025/26		£67,156	£67,156
TOTAL SPEND						£25,879	£281,613	£307,492
2021-22 (Under)/ Overspend								£7,492
N.B. Funds will be allocated following the October 2021 census data								

- 1.10 The projected position against this budget is £7k overspend which would be met by existing underspends within the DSG, if required.
- 1.13 For those schools in blue a separate methodology will apply:
- 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 43 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:

Winton Protection:	Oct 20 NOR	Protected NOR	Nos to Protect	Unit of funding	Total
Base Rate	43	50	7	£3,697	£25,879
Total funds to allocate					£25,879

- 1.11 It is recommended that Forum agree, in principle, to continue explicit growth fund and note the potential allocations as shown in 1.11.
- 1.12 To note, final funding allocations will based on the October 2021 census.

2 2021-22 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 For 2020-21, Schools Forum agreed to increase the Falling Rolls budget to £400k, reducing growth to £300k. These changes reflected the position in Islington where more schools are experiencing falling rolls with less need on the growth fund.
- 2.3 Final DSG allocations will be announced in December and final budget recommendations will be presented at the January Forum.
- 2.4 For the purposes of this paper, the assumption has been made that the £400k will remain for 2021-22 and funding for schools with falling rolls will be made against this budget.
- 2.5 As per the report presented to Forum in the previous year, the full set of criteria and funding methodology for Islington has been agreed 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 (2020) will be deducted from the NOR of the previous year October's census (2019). The result will be multiplied by the current Base Rate, appropriate to phase, pro rata April-August i.e. 5 months.
- 2.7 The Islington schools funding consultation stipulated that from 2021-22 falling rolls funding at a school level will be limited to a maximum of three consecutive years. This would allow the benefitting schools time and additional resources to plan their adjusted workforce requirements in future years whilst also providing some level of protection to retain staffing levels in the short term to meet the needs of the school. During the three-year period of protected funding, Islington would require that benefitting schools remain in a sustainable financial position. The falling rolls funding should not be used to mask a longer-term financial issue in the school. All 12 respondents to the consultation agreed to continue with falling rolls funding under this additional criteria.
- 2.8 Subject to overall affordability, this method of calculating funds will continue.
- 2.9 The table in Appendix D shows how the current criteria has been applied for the 2021-22 financial year. There are 9 primary schools who would benefit from the falling rolls funding and no secondary schools.
- 2.10 The table below shows a summary of the funding to be allocated compared to the estimated budget available. All schools are shown in Appendix D.

							£
Estimated Budget							£400,000.00
							£3,697
2021-22 allocations		Oct-19	Oct-20	Change	Base Rate	5/12ths	
2063643	Blessed Sacrament	148	139	-9	£33,273	£13,863.75	
2063633	Christ The King	284	261	-23	£85,031	£35,429.58	
2062170	Duncombe	364	333	-31	£114,607	£47,752.92	
2062805	Highbury Quadrant	293	276	-17	£62,849	£26,187.08	
2062852	Montem	315	285	-30	£110,910	£46,212.50	
2063644	New North Academy	290	260	-30	£110,910	£110,910.00	
2062856	Pooles Park	269	237	-32	£118,304	£49,293.33	
2062857	Rotherfield	355	324	-31	£114,607	£47,752.92	
2063488	St Jude's And St Paul's	174	164	-10	£36,970	£15,404.17	
							£392,806.25
Projected year-end balance 2021-22							£7,193.75

- 2.11 It should be noted, 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.
- 2.12 The table above indicates a small surplus against budget which may be used to support a potential overspend in the growth budget.
- 2.13 Final decisions on allocations will be presented to the January 2020 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 – 2020-21 DfE Growth Funds calculation to Local Authority

Growth factor values	
Primary unit value	£ 1,455
Secondary unit value	£ 2,175
New school lump sum	£ 68,700

Transitional funding levels	
Floor rate (% of schools block 2020-21)	-0.5%

LA name [a]	LA code [b]	Growth factor calculation before the application of transitional protection			Application of transitional protection		Illustrative total growth allocation			
		Eligible primary growth [c] = sum of positive primary growth for all MSOAs in the LA (Table C [i])	Eligible secondary growth [d] = sum of positive secondary growth for all MSOAs in the LA (Table C [j])	Allocation for primary growth [f] = [c] * [e] * £1,455	Allocation for secondary growth [g] = [d] * [e] * £2,175	Total growth allocation before the application of transitional protection [k] = [f] + [g] + [l]	2020-21 growth allocation [l]	2020-21 schools block [m]	Illustrative total growth allocation 2021-22, following transitional protection [p] = [l] - Floor rate * [m] if [n] = Yes and [o] < Floor rate, [k] otherwise.	Change to 2021-22 growth funding as % of 2020-21 SB DSG [q] = ([p] - [l])/[m]
Islington	206	200	229	£343,629	£589,629	£933,258	£826,847	£130,627,329	£933,258	0.08%

Appendix B:

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. £400 per pupil towards additional resources and materials (Primary)
4. £600 per pupil towards additional resources and materials (Secondary)

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:

- Primary - Protection to 20 pupils for the full year Base Rate (£3,382.00), plus the average other formula factors (£1,515)
- Secondary - Protection to 20 pupils for the full year Base Rate (£5,078.00), plus the average other formula factors (£2,004)

Appendix C:

(2021-22) Additional Class Additional Pupil Funding - Primary

				----- Bulge Class - 30 Pupils -----		
				Start-up Year	Year 1	Year 2
				30 Pupils	20 Pupils	20 Pupils
				Lump Sum	Base Rate + Other Factor funding (Average)	Base Rate + Other Factor funding (Average)
					£3,697.00	£3,697.00
					£2,203.00	£2,203.00
				7 months	Full Year	Full Year
Increase to Base Budget:						
Base Rate - Receive through Funding Formula					73,940	73,940
Other Factor Funding - Receive through Funding Formula					44,060	44,060
Add'l costs:						
	Full Year	7 months				
Teacher Cost (Thresh 1)	-60,846	-35,494				
Teaching Assistant (Sc5)	-36,278	-21,162				
	-97,124	-56,656	56,656	-97,124	-97,124	
Resources (£600 / pupil)	-600	-350	10,500			
Add'l funds to the school			67,156	20,876	20,876	

(2021-22) Additional Class Additional Pupil Funding - Secondary

				----- Bulge Class - 30 Pupils -----		
				Start-up Year	Year 1	Year 2
				30 Pupils	20 Pupils	20 Pupils
				Lump Sm	Base Rate + Other Factor funding (Average)	Base Rate + Other Factor funding (Average)
					£5,544.00	£5,544.00
					£2,060.00	£2,060.00
				7 months	Full Year	Full Year
Increase to Base Budget:						
Base Rate - Receive through Funding Formula					110,880	110,880
Other Factor Funding - Receive through Funding Formula					41,200	41,200
Add'l costs:						
	Full Year	7 months				
Teacher Cost (Thresh 3)	-65,981	-38,489				
Teaching Assistant (Sc5)	-36,278	-21,162				
	-102,259	-59,651	59,651	-102,259	-102,259	
Resources (£800 / pupil)	-800	-467	14,000			
Add'l funds to the school			73,651	49,821	49,821	

Appendix D – 2021-22 Falling Rolls

DfE No	School Name	PAN 2014-15 to 2020-21	Oct 19 Census	Oct 20 Census	Yr-on-yr Roll Increase/ Decrease	FALLING ROLLS FUNDS - 2021-22				£ 21-22 F.R. Funding Allocation
						Good or Outstanding School	% yr-on-yr movement	% Surplus Capacity	Overall Qualification	
						Y	5%	15%		
2062015	Ambler	420	416	409	-7	Y	-2%	-3%		13,863.75
2062809	Ashmount	420	406	398	-8	Y	-2%	-5%		
2063643	Blessed Sacrament	210	148	139	-9	Y	-6%	-34%	Y	35,429.58
2062854	Canonbury	420	411	399	-12	Y	-3%	-5%		
2063633	Christ The King	420	284	261	-23	Y	-8%	-38%	Y	47,752.92
2062001	City of London Academy Primary	120	98	146	48	Y				
2062002	Clerkenwell Parochial	240	116	92	-24	N	-21%	-62%		26,187.08
2062128	Copenhagen	420	144	144	0	Y		-66%		
2062166	Drayton Park	315	261	267	6	Y		-15%		46,212.50
2062170	Duncombe	420	364	333	-31	Y	-9%	-21%	Y	
2062251	Gillespie	210	207	203	-4	Y	-2%	-3%		49,293.33
2062261	Grafton	450	429	402	-27	Y	-6%	-11%		
2062279	Hanover	315	302	296	-6	Y	-2%	-6%		47,752.92
2062282	Hargrave Park	315	292	284	-8	Y	-3%	-10%		
2062805	Highbury Quadrant	420	293	276	-17	Y	-6%	-34%	Y	15,404.17
2062855	Hugh Myddelton	420	416	412	-4	Y	-1%	-2%		
2062003	Hungerford	420	199	165	-34	N	-17%	-61%		47,752.92
2062379	Laycock	350	377	371	-6	Y	-2%			
2062852	Montem	420	315	285	-30	Y	-10%	-32%	Y	110,910.00
2062429	Moreland	315	269	291	22	Y		-8%		
2062853	Newington Green	420	372	381	9	Y		-9%		49,293.33
2063644	New North Academy	420	290	260	-30	Y	-10%	-38%	Y	
2062455	Pakeman	315	286	273	-13	Y	-5%	-13%		47,752.92
2062856	Pooles Park	450	269	237	-32	Y	-12%	-47%	Y	
2062850	Prior Weston	420	340	300	-40	N	-12%	-29%		15,404.17
2062515	Robert Blair	198	191	178	-13	Y	-7%	-10%		
2062857	Rotherfield	420	355	324	-31	Y	-9%	-23%	Y	47,752.92
2063384	Sacred Heart	420	419	417	-2	Y	0%	-1%		
2063606	St Andrew's	210	193	198	5	Y		-6%		15,404.17
2063631	St Joan Of Arc	420	412	413	1	Y		-2%		
2063456	St John Evangelist	280	268	276	8	Y		-1%		47,752.92
2063471	St John's Highbury Vale	210	206	197	-9	Y	-4%	-6%		
2063465	St John's Upper Holloway	210	186	194	8	Y		-8%		15,404.17
2063483	St Joseph's	420	407	407	0	Y		-3%		
2063488	St Jude's And St Paul's	210	174	164	-10	Y	-6%	-22%	Y	47,752.92
2063495	St Luke's	210	208	202	-6	Y	-3%	-4%		
2063501	St Mark's	210	201	200	-1	Y	0%	-5%		47,752.92
2066905 (P)	St Mary Magdalene Academy (Pri)	210	213	212	-1	Y	0%			
2063527	St Mary's Ce Islington	210	202	187	-15	Y	-7%	-11%		15,404.17
2063575	St Peter's And St Paul's	210	195	193	-2	Y	-1%	-8%		
2062596	Thornhill	420	412	408	-4	Y	-1%	-3%		47,752.92
2062803	Tufnell Park	360	308	338	30	Y		-6%		
2062624	Vittoria	210	170	162	-8	Y	-5%	-23%		15,404.17
2062000	Whitehall Park	360	337	369	32	Y				
2062643	William Tyndale	420	419	420	1	Y				47,752.92
2062646	Winton	270	210	206	-4	Y	-2%	-24%		
2062666	Yerbury	420	415	416	1	Y		-1%		47,752.92
	Primary Totals	15,573	13,405	13,105	- 300	Primary schools to fund falling rolls			9	
		2016-17 to 2020-21							Average Base Rate	£5,544
2064325	Arts & Media School Islington	840	636	661	25	Y		-21%		47,752.92
2064112	Beacon High	900	502	418	-84	N	-17%	-54%		
2064614	Central Foundation Boys	810	807	831	24	Y				47,752.92
2064001	COLA, Highgate Hill	700	498	563	65	Y		-20%		
2066906	COLAI	745	727	758	31	Y				47,752.92
2064324	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson	900	893	883	-10	Y	-1%	-2%		
2064307	Highbury Fields	700	659	683	24	Y		-2%		47,752.92
2064003	Highbury Grove	1110	978	973	-5	N	-1%	-12%		
2064651	St Aloysius College	900	768	658	-110	N	-14%	-27%		47,752.92
2066905 (S)	St Mary Magdalene Academy (Sec)	972	935	965	30	Y		-1%		
	Secondary Totals	8,577	7,403	7,393	- 10	Secondary schools to fund falling rolls			0	£0.00
									BUDGET	£400,000
									21-22 BALANCE	£7,194

