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Autumn Statement November 2022:

Additional £2 billion funding into the core schools budget

In funding year 2023/24, the core schools budget is increasing by £3.5 billion compared to 2022/23. This includes £1.5 billion previously settled as part of the October 2021 spending review (SR21), and £2 billion from the Autumn Statement 2022.

How will this funding be distributed?

The SR21 element (£1.5 billion) will be allocated via:

- the national funding formula (NFF) to mainstream schools. This includes the schools supplementary grant which has been locked into the core schools budget. The recently updated Schools Operational Guide is available [here](#).
- the high needs national funding formula to special schools and alternative provision, (via their local authority). This includes a 3% minimum funding guarantee (MFG) for special schools. The recently updated High Needs Operational Guidance is available [here](#)

The Autumn Statement element (£2 billion) will be allocated as follows:

- **Mainstream schools:** allocated via an additional grant for mainstream schools
- **High needs:** allocated through a percentage increase to local authorities (LAs) high needs NFF allocations, with a requirement to pass on a proportion of the additional money to special schools and alternative provision settings
- **Pupil Premium:** there will be an increase in the pupil premium rates of around 4.9%

Mainstream school allocations of the additional grant for 2023/24

The additional funds will be allocated via the Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG):

- lump sum £4,510 for schools with primary and / or secondary provision
- £119 per primary pupil
- £168 per Key Stage 3 pupil
- £190 per Key Stage 4 pupil
- £104 per primary FMS6 pupil
- £152 per secondary FMS6 pupil

These rates will be uplifted to take account of area cost adjustment where appropriate.

The MSAG Methodology guidance includes worked examples and is available [here](#).

Maintained and academy schools will receive allocations for the period April 2023 - March 2024. We expect that the grant will be rolled into NFF allocations for the funding year 2024/25. Academies can expect a further payment to cover the period April - August 2023, in recognition that their funding year follows the academic year.

High needs allocations

An additional £400 million will be allocated to LAs, on top of their high needs NFF allocations. Conditions of grant for this funding will include that LAs must pass on a 3.4% increase in total funding per place to each special and alternative provision school (maintained and academy). This calculation will consider total grant funding, so place funding and the average amount of top-up funding at individual school level.

LAs will be able to use the remainder of the additional grant allocation to support SEND in mainstream and elsewhere.

More details of the conditions of grant, including examples to support budget forecasting, and the data sources that will be used are available [here](#).

Pupil Premium Grant 2023/24

The pupil premium rates for the 2023 to 2024 financial year, starting on 1 April 2023 are below:

Pupils eligible for free school meals now or in the last six years (FSM6):

- Primary rate £1,455
- Secondary rate £1,035

Pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care:

- Primary rate £2,530
- Secondary rate £2,530

Children who are looked after by the local authority:

- Primary rate £2,530
- Secondary rate £2,530

More details about the Pupil Premium Grant are available [here](#) .

Post-16

The Autumn Statement did not deliver any additional funding for post16. There were changes for the funding year 2023/24 that were announced as part of the October 2021 spending review. Below is what we know about 2023/24:

- National funding rate (learner rate) £4642 for full-time band 5 students.
- High value course premium (HVCP) £600
- Maths premium £600
- Eligible institutions will continue to receive the teachers' pension scheme grant.

More details are available [here](#).

Recovery funding for the academic year 2023/24.

Some elements of recovery funding will continue to be allocated across the next academic year (2023/24). Below is what we know at the time of writing:

- Recovery premium will be allocated for eligible pupils, however the rates for the academic year starting September 2023 are not currently available. More details on recovery premium eligibility and use are available [here](#).
- National Tutoring Programme(NTP) funding will be allocated for eligible pupils next academic year. The subsidy for the 2023 to 2024 academic year will be 25%. Full guidance on funding arrangements for next year will be published in summer 2023. More details on current eligibility and reporting requirements are available [here](#).
- We expect that the Coronavirus 16-19 tuition fund will continue next academic year, but information about the academic year starting September 2023 is not currently available. More details on current eligibility, use and reporting requirements is available [here](#).

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