

MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

**Tuesday 14th January 2020, 1pm to 3pm
at Whitmore High School**

AGENDA

Item	Title	Attachments
1	Apologies & Order of Agenda	
2	Minutes of the Last Meeting – 19 November 2019	
3	Matters Arising	
4	DSG Budget Setting 2020-21	Report by Jo Frost attached
5	AOB	

Date of Next Meeting: 10 March 2020

Voting Members Circulation:

Mike Baumring (Headteacher-Kenmore Park Junior School)	Patrick O'Dwyer (Special Needs Service)
Jo Daswani (Headteacher-Whitchurch Primary School)	Anna Smakowska (Headteacher-Woodlands School)
David O'Farrell (Headteacher-St Bernadette's Primary School)	Anne Monahan (Headteacher-St Anselm's Primary School)
Sue Hammond (Chair) (Headteacher-Whitmore High School)	Vacant (Governor)
Nigel Hewett (AHGB Representative)	Jonathan Watson (Associate Headteacher – Whitefriars)
Rebecca Hastings (Headteacher-Cedars Manor School)	Pam Virdee (Headteacher-Longfield Primary School)
Sue Maguire (Headteacher-Hatch End High School)	16-19 Representative (Principals Harrow/Stammore/St Dominic's)
Rutinder Mahil-Pooni (Headteacher-Kenmore Park Inf Sch)	Jackie Halpin (Headteacher-Hillview Nursery School)
Paa-King Maselino (Headteacher-The Helix Education Centre)	Simon Arnell (Principal – Avanti House Secondary School)
Paul Gamble (Headteacher-Harrow High School)	Louise Browning (Headteacher – Norbury School)
Vacant (PVI representative)	Geraldine Higgins (Headteacher-Sacred Heart Lang College)
Clare Tarling (Finance Director, Pinner High School)	Vacant (Governor)

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Cllr Christine Robson (Portfolio Holder)	Paul Hewitt (Director of Children's Services)
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Future Meeting Dates
10 March 2020
5 May 2020
7 July 2020

SCHOOLS FORUM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 **at 1.00 pm at Whitmore High School**

Members Present: Sue Hammond – Headteacher, Whitmore High School (CHAIR)
Pam Virdee – Headteacher, Longfield School (VICE CHAIR)
Rebecca Hastings – Headteacher, Cedars Manor School
Sue Maguire – Headteacher, Hatch End High School
Anne Monahan – Headteacher, St Anselm's Primary School
Paul Gamble – Headteacher, Harrow High School
Christine Robson – Portfolio Holder, Young People & Schools
Louise Browning – Headteacher, Norbury Primary School
Patrick O'Dwyer – Div. Director Education Services (Special Needs Services)
Clare Tarling – Finance Director, Pinner High School
Rutinder Mahil-Pooni – Headteacher, Kenmore Park Infant School
Mike Baumring - Headteacher, Kenmore Park Junior School
Simon Arnell – Principal, Avanti House Secondary School

Officers in Attendance: Jo Frost - Finance Business Partner

SH opened the meeting.

1. Apologies and Order of the Agenda

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Jo Daswani – Headteacher, Whitchurch Primary School
Geraldine Higgins – Headteacher, Sacred Heart Language College
PK Maselino – Headteacher, The Helix
Anna Smakowska – Headteacher, Woodlands School
David O'Farrell – Headteacher, St Bernadette's Primary School

- 2.** The order of the agenda was agreed.
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

School Place Planning & Admissions

Schools Forum requested an indication of the change in pupil numbers between the October 2018 and October 2019 School censuses.

ACTION JF

4. DSG Budget Setting 2020-21

JF introduced the report which set out the outcome of the schools funding consultation held in November.

Schools Forum noted that there was a consultation response rate of 54%. There was a discussion about the low response rate particularly from the primary sector. A number of members felt that a

significant amount of effort had been made by Schools Forum members to support and encourage colleagues to respond and it was disappointing that the response rate had been so low.

It was agreed that JF would talk to primary headteachers about the significance of the roles and responsibilities of Schools Forum in relation to school funding.

ACTION JF/PV

Following review of the paper, Schools Forum was required to vote on a number of questions.

Q1 Mobility

Schools Forum noted the consultation responses of which 72% of respondents supported the implementation of the National Funding Formula in respect of the mobility factor.

Schools Forum vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Members (11)	10	0	1

Outcome: the NFF mobility factor rates will be implemented in the Harrow Schools Funding Formula for 2020-21.

Q2 Minimum Funding Guarantee

Schools Forum noted the consultation responses of which 100% of respondents supported the application of the highest MFG possible without distortion of funding.

Schools Forum vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Members (11)	11	0	0

Outcome: The final MFG will be determined through the overall budget setting process and will be subject to affordability

Q3 High Needs Block Transfer

Schools Forum noted the consultation responses of which 93% of respondents did not support a transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

However in the commentary a number of schools indicated that they may reconsider the decision if there was clarity about what the transfer of funding would be spent on.

JF reiterated the existing pressures on the HNB and the proposal to increase the funding available for mainstream EHCPs and special school funding top ups. There was a query as to whether these proposals would be dependent on a transfer being agreed. JF explained that this is not the case and that the proposals would further impact on the deficit but would not be withdrawn if the transfer was not agreed.

There was a general discussion about the perceived lack of transparency of the HNB question being included in the consultation document without prior discussion. JF explained that this is one mechanism available to help manage the deficit in the HNB that is available to the LA and the LA must ensure its due diligence by consulting on this. It was not intended to be a non-transparent process. There was also a discussion about the pressure on school budgets and previous years'

topslicing that has contributed to this as well as the LA's decision to no longer fund the £6k place element of EHCPs in mainstream schools from the HNB.

Schools Forum vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Members (11)	0	11	0

Outcome: there will not be a transfer of funds from the Schools Block to the HNB in 2020-21.

Any Other Business

Schools Forum asked POD to remind schools to respond to the EHCP consultation which ends on 29 November 2019. Schools Forum members have done so but it was thought a reminder would be helpful.

ACTION POD

Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

The next meeting will take place on 14 January 2020 at Whitmore High School

Future Dates

10 March 2020

5 May 2020

7 July 2020

Meeting:	Schools Forum
Date:	14 January 2020
Subject:	Item 4: 2020-21 Budget Setting
Responsible Officer:	Jo Frost, Finance Business Partner – Children’s Services

Section 1 – summary

1. Schools Forum at its meeting on 19 November 2019, considered a report setting out the outcome of the Harrow schools funding consultation 2020-21 and indicative budget setting intentions. This report was considered in advance of the notification of the 2020-21 Dedicated Schools Grant allocation. This was announced by the DfE on 19 December 2019.
2. This report outlines the latest 2020-21 settlement and details the proposed 2020-21 school budget to be submitted to the DfE by 21 January 2020.
3. Schools Forum is asked to:
 - Note the 2020-21 DSG allocation at Table 1
 - Agree the final position on the Growth Fund at Table 2
 - Note the additional funding from paragraph 20
 - Note overall funding formula and distributed funding at Appendix A
 - Note indicative formula derived 2020-21 budgets at school level at Appendix B and changes between years at Appendix C
 - Note the position on Mobility funding from paragraph 26
 - Note the position on Primary Low Prior Attainment funding from paragraph 33
 - Note the final MFG from paragraph 39
 - Note indicative uncommitted funding from paragraph 43
 - Discuss the position on de-delegation from paragraph 51
 - Note the High Needs Block funding from paragraph 58
 - Note the indicative position on Early Years funding for 2020-21 from paragraph 72
 - Note other sources of funding available in 2020-21 as set out at paragraph 79

Section 2 – report

Dedicated Schools Grant 2020-21

4. The 2020-21 DSG is based on the number of pupils on the October 2019 school census. The total DSG for 2020-21 is £224.25m. This is subject to amendments to the allocations for the Early Years Block which will be updated to reflect the January 2020 Early Years Census data and recoupment of place funding for academies and post 16 providers in the High Needs Block.
5. Table 1 below shows the breakdown of the 2020-21 DSG across the four blocks. The sections following the table provide a detailed explanation for each funding block.

Table 1 – 2020-21 Dedicated Schools Grant allocation

Blocks	Unit of funding		Pupil numbers		Total
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	
Schools Block – per pupil	£4,274.73	£5,823.36	21,752.00	12,438.50	£165,417,790
Schools Block – lump sum premises					£2,773,763
Schools Block – growth fund formula					£2,572,938
Schools Block – growth fund ONE OFF					£131,227
Total Schools Block					£170,895,719
Central Schools Block					£1,250,005
High Needs Block					£33,636,854
Early Years Block					£18,467,606
Total Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation 2020-21					£224,250,184

Schools Block

6. The schools block is funded on three different methodologies. Primary and secondary NFF units of funding cover core schools funding which includes:
 - Pupil-led factors - basic per-pupil, deprivation, low prior attainment, English as an additional language, minimum per pupil funding, funding floor and transitional protections.
 - School-led factors - lump sum, sparsity.
 - The area cost adjustment – this is a multiplier that applies to both pupil-led and school-led factors.
7. The Primary and Secondary units of funding (PUF/SUF) have been calculated using the NFF and based on the 2019-20 pupil and school characteristics, including MFG but excluding business rates and growth fund items and divided by the adjusted number of pupils on roll on the October 2019 school census.

8. The allocation for 2020-21 is then based on the PUF/SUF multiplied by the NOR on the October 2019 school census. This has yielded per pupil funding of £165.418m
9. In addition there is a Schools Block lump sum. This is funding for business rates and is based on the 2019-20 allocations totalling £2.773m.
10. There is an overall net increase in the schools block of baseline funding available on an ongoing basis of £8.118m and a reduction in one off funding of £2.59m totalling a net increase of £5.527m.

Schools Block	Growth Fund	NFF Baseline	One off	Totals
2019-20	£1,826,862	£158,755,753	£5,748,290	£164,504,043
2020-21	£1,826,862	£166,873,789	£3,157,680	£170,031,470
Net change	£0	£8,118,037	-£2,590,610	£5,527,427

Growth Fund

11. From 2019-20 growth funding has been allocated to LAs using a new formulaic method based on lagged growth data.
12. Growth funding can only be used to:
 - Support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
 - Support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
 - Meet the costs of new schools
13. Growth funding may not be used to support:
 - Schools in financial difficulty
 - General growth due to popularity; which is managed through lagged funding
14. Despite the change to the allocation of growth funding, LAs are not expected to change the method of allocating funding locally.
15. Harrow's current growth fund for primary expansions and bulge classes allocates £63k lump sum to each school in the September which expand/take a bulge class. This figure is approximately based on the 2017-18 primary school AWPU of £3,268 plus a small sum for resources & equipment, pro-rated for September to March when the pupils will be included in the following financial year's schools budget.

16. In the new funding formula the growth fund is based on pupil data from the October 2019 census. Funding is allocated to LAs based on the actual growth in pupil numbers in the previous year.
17. Growth is measured at middle layer super output area (MSOA) levels as these are small enough geographical areas to detect 'pockets' of growth within LAs. Growth is measured by counting the increase in pupil numbers in each MSOA between the two most recent October censuses. Only positive increases in pupil numbers will be included, so an LA with positive growth in one area and negative growth in another will not be denied growth funding.
18. Table 2 below shows the 2020-21 growth fund allocation based on changes between the October 2019 and 2018 census. In addition is a list of commitments against this funding for 2020-21.

Table 2 – growth fund 2020-21 and commitments

Funding	£'000
True calculation of growth fund based on changes between censuses	£2,573
Floor protection 2020-21	£0
Growth Fund historical commitments (ONE OFF)	£131
Total growth fund 2020-21	£2,704
Estimated Commitments	
Primary Expansions	£1,217
Licences	£161
Bulge Classes contingency	£252
Trigger Funding	£137
Whitefriars age range extension	£60
Variation to pupil numbers growing schools	£978
Total commitments 2020-21	£2,805

19. Based on the above, there is a shortfall in the growth fund of £101k compared with the commitments in 2020-21. However, there is a contingency commitment of £252k for bulge classes which may not be required. In 2020-21 the LA no longer receives floor protection which totalled £0.951m in 2019-20. Going forward this may not be an issue as commitments in relation to the primary expansions start to drop out as the expansions move through the schools and growing schools have pupils in each year groups. However, if there is an issue the LA would have to look at either reducing the commitments or top slicing the schools block. This is a decision for future years.

Additional funding

20. In the two previous financial years the LA has received additional funding due to anomalies in the baseline calculation for pupil number funding in 2018-19. This generated additional funding of approximately £3m per annum and was allocated through the schools funding formula but treated as one off funding so as not to overstate baseline funding for future years.
21. This was treated as a one off adjustment since it was acknowledged by the ESFA that this was an error on their part and would not be available in future years. However, a further small additional sum has been added to the growth fund for 2020-21 totalling £131k. This will contribute to funding the overall commitments to the growth fund.

Proposed Schools Funding Formula 2020-21

22. The NFF continues to be the method of distributing funding for 2020-21. There are no proposed changes to the structure of the formula for 2020-21. However, there are a number of other areas which were consulted on in the Autumn Term. The Harrow Schools Funding formula now reflects the National Funding Formula entirely. The funding rates applied in each factor are equal to those in the NFF plus Harrow's Area Cost Adjustment.
23. In 2020-21 the NFF factor values have increased by 4% with the exception of Free School Meals which has increased by 2% to reflect inflation, and business rates are based on actual estimates of costs for 2020-21. The final funding formula factors and distributed funding is shown at Appendix A.

Indicative School Budgets 2020-21

24. Indicative Individual School Budgets for 2020-21 are shown at Appendix B and a crude analysis of the changes between years at Appendix C. Note, these are the budgets derived through the formula and do not include funding for early years nurseries, EHCPs, SEN units, Pupil Premium, Universal Infant Free School Meals, Devolved Formula Capital, Teachers Pay Grant or Teachers Pension Grant.
25. These budgets are indicative and subject to Harrow Cabinet ratification and DfE approval of the school funding formula in February 2020.

Mobility

26. The mobility factor is intended to support schools which have a high proportion of pupils who first join on a non-standard date. In 2020-21 the government is introducing a formulaic approach to allocating mobility funding

in the NFF, using a new and more robust methodology to determine pupil mobility.

27. A summary of changes is shown in Table 3

Table 3 – summary of proposed changes to mobility factor

Factor	2019-20	2020-21
Cohort	1 year census	3 year censuses
Threshold of numbers on roll above which funding is allocated	10%	6%
Per pupil funding	Primary £2,980.90 Secondary £2,668.82	Primary £875.00 Secondary £1,250.00

28. The result of these changes has meant that there have been significant variations to the schools' budgets which previously received funding through mobility.

29. Overall there has been a small net increase in the number of pupils eligible for mobility funding because of the reduction of the threshold from 10% to 6%. However this varies across schools. The major impact of this change is as a result of the reduction in the factor value for mobility funding.

30. Historically in the Harrow local schools funding formula the factor values have been kept high in order to acknowledge the resources required in managing a school with a high proportion of mobile pupils.

31. In the Autumn term 2019 the LA consulted with schools in respect of the treatment of mobility in the Harrow Schools Funding Formula for 2020-21. In the response 72% (21) schools supported the proposal to fully implement the NFF in respect of the mobility factor and adopt the funding rates for mobility.

32. The school budgets have therefore been prepared based on the NFF for the mobility factor. Appendix C which shows the indicative budget changes between years separately identifies the impact of reduction in mobility funding by school. For the majority of affected schools this funding is, in the main, compensated for by an increase in MFG funding because the reduction in factor value has reduce the overall per pupil average budget.

Low Prior Attainment – Primary

33. The October 2019 census has recorded a 5% reduction in the children eligible for funding under the Low Prior Attainment factor. This equates to approximately 900 children.

34. The data is collected based on the EYFSP score on the October 2019 census for each child in years 1-6 who did not achieve a good level of development.

35. The DfE has stated that the new EYFS system was introduced in the academic year 2012-13. In the first cohort to take the new test, the proportion of pupils attaining the expected level of development was lower nationally than in succeeding cohorts, hence the number defined as having LPA was higher. This first cohort passed into secondary school in autumn 2019, so the 2020-21 APT is the first year that did not include this early cohort (with its higher LPA rates). Thus the LPA rate for pupils remaining in the school in autumn 2019 tends to be lower than in the previous year.
36. Some of it can be explained by a reduction in Y1 pupils who are newly included in the dataset compared with the number of Y6 pupils in the previous year's census who have left.
37. This has impacted on the majority of primary schools and has had a direct impact on overall funding. This is because the rate per pupil has not changed but the number of pupils eligible has. Whilst the MFG would protect schools from overall average per pupil losses the additional funding through the formula factors in NFF have offset some of these losses. This will mean that some schools will not receive as much net additional funding through the funding formula as perhaps previously anticipated because it is offsetting reductions in LPA funding.
38. Appendix C which shows the indicative budget changes between years separately identifies the impact of reduction in LPA funding by school.

Minimum Funding Guarantee

39. In 2020-21 the Minimum Funding Guarantee will continue to protect schools from per pupil losses between years. For the first time in 2020-21 LAs must set a positive MFG (meaning schools will see an increase in their per pupil budgets between years). The MFG must be between +0.5% and +1.84%. This is calculated on the whole school unit but excluding business rates and the lump sum and then divided by the total number of pupils on roll.
40. In the previous financial years Schools Forum agreed to set a negative MFG at -1.5% in order that schools reach the NFF as soon as possible so as to ensure there won't be significant losses if the MFG protection is no longer applied.
41. In the consultation with all schools in Autumn Term 2019 the LA sought views on the value of the MFG for 2020-21. In the responses 100% (29) supported a maximum MFG of +1.84% subject to affordability within the overall formula.
42. In the overall formula it is affordable to set the maximum MFG, therefore the school budgets at Appendix B have been prepared using +1.84% MFG in the

funding formula for 2020-21. It is not planned to cap gains in the formula which is consistent with approach in previous years.

Schools Block Allocation and Commitments

43. Table 4 shows the 2020-21 schools block allocation and commitments as set out at the above paragraphs.

Table 4 – schools block allocation and commitments 2020-21

Schools Block	Allocation	Distributed	Implicit Growth	Total Distributed	Difference
ISB	£168,191,554	£166,784,983	£978,259	£165,806,724	£2,384,830
Growth Fund	£2,704,165	£1,826,862	£978,259	£2,805,121	£100,956
Total	£170,895,719	£168,611,845	£0	£168,611,845	£2,283,874

44. A summary of the assumptions in these figures is as follows:

- NFF continues to be method of distribution
- MFG set at +1.84%, growth on gains not capped
- Growth Fund committed as per Table 2
- Transfer from the schools block to the high needs block 0.5% not agreed

45. There is in total £2.28m uncommitted compared with the Schools Block allocation. In addition at its meeting in October 2019 Schools Forum agreed that £1m of underspend currently held within the brought forward contingency should be committed to the 2020-21 schools funding formula. This takes the total additional funding available to £3.28m. The breakdown of this is shown in Table 5.

Table 5 – analysis of uncommitted schools block funding

Description	On-going / One off	Value
MFG capacity 2018-19 – funded at +0.5% but distributed at -1.5%	On-going	£932,151
MFG capacity 2019-20 – funded at +0.5% but distributed at -1.5%	On-going	£1,695,692
Growth fund capacity – Table 2	One off	£100,956
Other ups and downs (various formula changes)	One off	£243,013
Total Schools Block		£2,283,874
Remainder of contingency	One off	£1,000,000
Total uncommitted funding 2020-21		£3,283,874

46. In 2018-19 and 2019-20 the aggregate of all the Schools Block funding to the LA includes an uplift of +0.5%. However in 2018-19 and 2019-20 the MFG locally was set at -1.5% as up until that point the Government had only committed to funding +0.5% up to 2019-20 and there were no announcements beyond that date, including whether there would be any MFG at all.
47. As the MFG continues for 2020-21 and has been set locally at 1.84% (the maximum allowable) the only way to distribute this funding is to increase the AWPU amount and distribute the funding through the formula. This is the same methodology for the treatment of the additional funding received in previous years. In previous years there has also been a technical adjustment so that it did not impact on MFG baselines.
48. Last year the ESFA indicated that it would not allow the LA to continue to distribute additional funding through a technical adjustment. However it has been included as a technical adjustment because otherwise it would overstate schools' MFG baselines in future years. As the LA is already setting this year's MFG at the maximum allowable this would not give any flexibility in future years to manage any shortfalls in funding and require more schools to be protected at MFG. This approach is therefore dependent on ESFA approval.
49. By increasing the AWPU amount all schools will see additional funding in 2020-21 regardless of their NFF or MFG position, notwithstanding any losses for reducing rolls.
50. The potential additional funding is shown in a separate column on Appendix B. These budgets are indicative and subject to Harrow Cabinet ratification and DfE approval of the school funding formula in February 2019.

De-delegation for Trade Union Duties

51. LAs can fund some services relating to maintained schools only from maintained school budget shares with the agreement of maintained members of Schools Forum. LAs should set a single rate per 5 to 16 year old pupil.
52. Where de-delegation has been agreed by maintained primary and secondary schools, the presumption is that the LA offers the service on a buy-back arrangement to schools and academies not otherwise covered by the de-delegation.
53. The LA currently operates de-delegation for Trade Union Duties. Where a school has to incur costs for backfill arrangements for members of staff carrying out trade union duties then this fund reimburses that school for the additional cost up to a maximum of a total number of days per week agreed for each Trade Union. The annual de-delegation is approx. £40k which is currently de-delegated at a cost to maintained schools of £1.87 per pupil.

54. The TU representatives work across both maintained and academy school members and do not distinguish between the two. It is therefore appropriate that academy members enter into a buy-back arrangement in order that the costs are shared appropriately.
55. The proposed de-delegated amount on the basis that all schools and academies contributed would be £1.20 per pupil.
56. At present academies do not contribute to this fund and there is therefore a disproportionate financial burden on maintained schools.
57. If there is a shortfall then potentially the funding available to pay to schools for backfill arrangements would be insufficient.

High Needs Block

58. Table 6 shows the provisional High Needs Block allocation for 2020-21. This will be updated in year to reflect the revised import/export adjustments.

Table 6 – 2020-21 High Needs Block

Description	Basic entitlement rate	No. of pupils in special schools	Value
High Needs Block Allocation (excl basic entitlement factor)			£34,034,303
Basic Entitlement Factor	£4,451	560.5	£2,494,550
Import/Export Adjustments (2019-20 figure)			-£1,494,000
Total HNB before academy recoupment			£35,034,853
Academy recoupment for SEN units, special schools and FE			-£1,398,000
Net High Needs Block 2020-21			£33,636,853

59. It should be noted that the import/export adjustment figure will be updated in June 2020 to reflect the January census.
60. In October 2019 the government announced an additional £700m of funding for High needs for local authorities. This has generated additional funding for Harrow of £2.7m which is included in Table 6. This will contribute to the increasing shortfall in funding provided for in the HNB and mitigate some of this year's projected £4.1m deficit which will be carried forward to 2020-21.
61. The additional HNB is welcomed although the pressure on the High Needs Block in 2019-20 is £4.1m and this is projected to continue and to grow as growth in demand continues and the LA becomes even more reliant on expensive out of borough provision.
62. In the consultation with all schools in Autumn Term 2019 the LA sought views on whether schools would consider agreeing to top-slice the schools block by 0.5% (£854k) and transfer to the HNB to help mitigate some of the pressures.

63. In the response 93% (27) did not support a transfer from the Schools Block into the High Needs Block. The main reason stated for not agreeing the transfer was that schools feel the LA needs to address the issue of HNB funding with the DfE and not toplice from the schools block.
64. At its meeting in November 2019 Schools Forum voted not to agree a transfer from the Schools Block to the HNB. As well as the issues raised in the consultation there was a general discussion about
- the HNB question being included in the consultation document without prior discussion
 - the view that pressures on school budgets are as a result of previous years' top slicing
 - the LA's decision to no longer fund the £6k place element of EHCPs in mainstream schools from the HNB.
65. Following on from the SEND Strategy agreed by Cabinet in February 2019, at its meeting in January 2020 Cabinet received an update on the priorities for 2020-23 and agreed delegation to the Corporate Director to enable provision to be developed once the options have been identified.
66. In terms of specific need, the numbers of children with severe learning difficulties (SLD) and or autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) has shown the biggest increase in numbers. Additional places have been provided through expansion of Woodlands special school and specialist provision at Belmont School but these places have been filled and the remainder of in borough provision is at capacity.
67. The following are priorities for September 2020-23
- Increase the number of places in the primary and secondary sector for special school children with SLD and or autism
 - Increase the number of places in the primary and secondary ARMs provision for children with MLD and or autism, including accommodating more complex needs
 - Review the pathway for post 19 pupils attending MLD ARMs provision
68. To achieve this increase in provision will require the continuation of a whole systems approach that considers both special school places and ARMs places across the schools in the borough as a whole with officers and schools working collaboratively. Conversations are already taking place with a number of schools to consider options.

69. The expansion programme will be developed across several phases which allows flexibility and new opportunities to be explored and realised over time.
70. As well as support for new provision the LA is also consulting on proposals to increase investment in mainstream and special schools top up funding by over £2m.
71. Given the overall capacity within the Schools Block in 2020-21 after implementing the NFF, the LA is requesting Schools Forum to reconsider its decision to not agree the transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block into the HNB in 2020-21. This will enable the SEND Strategy to create a context of a budget better suited to these objectives and reflect the partnership between the LA and the school community to achieve these.

Early Years Block

72. The government introduced a new National Funding Formula for Early Years from April 2017.

3 & 4 year old funding

73. The key points on LA funding of providers are that local authorities:
- Continue to set a single funding rate for both entitlements for three and four year olds (that is, both the universal 15 hours and the additional 15 hours for working parents).
 - Must plan to spend at least 95% of the three and four year old funding on the delivery of the entitlements. We intend to continue to pass on 95% of the 3 & 4 year old funding to settings.
 - May request that 95% requirement be dis-applied in specific, exceptional circumstances. We are not in a position to do this.
 - Harrow provides a universal base rate for all types of provider in the formula.
 - Must use a deprivation supplement in the funding formula, and any other supplements must fall within one of the allowable categories. The supplements we have chosen remain the same.
 - Must not channel more than 10% of funding through funding supplements.
 - Must provide a SEN Inclusion Fund (SENIF) for three and four year olds.
 - Must pass on Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) in full to providers for eligible three and four year olds.

- Must pass on Disability Access Fund (DAF) funding in full to providers for eligible three and four year olds.

74. Harrow has already implemented all of the above principles in its EYSFF.

75. In 2020-21 the hourly rate per pupil that the LA receives will increase by £0.08.

76. At the time of writing a consultation is underway which seeks views on the proposal to increase the overall EYSFF by £0.08 through distributing the funding through the existing formula structure and proportionately increasing each supplement.

77. The results of the consultation will be reported to Cabinet in February 2020 and to Schools Forum in March 2020.

2 year old funding

78. There is also a rate increase for the funding for 2 year olds. This will increase from £5.92 to £6.00 per hour from April 2020.

Other School Budgets

Capital

79. The DfE have yet to confirm the 2020-21 capital allocation. This is expected later in January and any Devolved Formula Capital will be included in the final school budgets.

Pupil Premium

80. Schools will continue to receive the Pupil Premium. Whilst funding rates have not yet been announced for 2020-21 it is not anticipated that these will change. Eligibility and funding rates are shown at Table 7.

Table 7 – Pupil Premium rates 2020-21

Category	Per pupil value
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£1,320
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked-after children (LAC) defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English LA	£2,300
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order	£2,300
Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 service child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence	£300

Universal Infants Free School Meals (UIFSM)

81. The grant is anticipated to continue at a meal rate of £2.30 into 2020-21.

Year 7 Catch Up

82. This grant will continue into 2020-21. Further announcements will be made in 2020.

Primary PE and Sports Premium

83. There have been no announcements in respect of these beyond the 2019-20 academic year

84. Teachers Pay and Teachers Pension Grants

These will continue into 2020-21 based on the same methodology as in the current financial year.

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Background Papers

Schools Forum Report – 15 October 2019

- Item 4 – Budget Setting and Funding Formula Review 2020-21

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- Item 4 – DSG Budget Setting 2020-21

APPENDIX A - INDICATIVE SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA AND FUNDING DISTRIBUTION 2020-21

APPENDIX A - INDICATIVE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING FORMSHEET AND FUNDING DISTRIBUTION FOR 2025/26									
	Description	Amount per pupil		Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	
	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,216.14		21,838.92		£70,237,073	£129,989,313	41.64%	
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,523.09		7,625.42		£34,490,411		20.45%	
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£5,134.34		4,920.17		£25,261,828		14.98%	
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	
2) Deprivation	FSM	£494.11	£494.11	2,067.65	1,652.28	£1,838,069	£10,846,033	6.43%	
	FSM6	£614.90	£894.89	2,850.78	3,398.86	£4,794,556			
	IDACI Band F	£230.59	£329.41	2,391.82	1,483.71	£1,040,267			
	IDACI Band E	£274.51	£444.70	2,831.41	1,824.36	£1,588,539			
	IDACI Band D	£411.76	£587.45	258.40	476.15	£468,466			
	IDACI Band C	£444.70	£636.86	629.60	472.26	£580,746			
	IDACI Band B	£477.64	£686.27	529.74	391.66	£521,815			
	IDACI Band A	£658.82	£922.35	1.00	14.00	£13,575			
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC X March 17	£0.00		63.69		£0	£6,698,583	0.00%	
4) English as an Additional	EAL 3 Primary	£587.45		7,632.34		£4,483,619		3.66%	
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,581.16		1,064.90	£1,683,887			
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£960.78	£1,372.54	386.63	116.29	£531,077		0.31%	
	Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	
6) Prior attainment	Primary Low Attainment		£1,169.40	27.89%	6,091.75	£7,123,689	£11,540,013	6.84%	
	Secondary low attainment (year 7)	64.53%	£1,767.83	19.34%	2,498.16	£4,416,325			
	Secondary low attainment (year 8)	63.59%		20.27%					
	Secondary low attainment (year 9)	58.05%		21.48%					
	Secondary low attainment (year 10)	48.02%		21.31%					
	Secondary low attainment (years 10 to 11)			17.15%					
Factor			Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	
7) Lump Sum			£125,614.63	£125,614.63			£6,856,465	4.07%	
11) Rates							£2,520,280	1.49%	

APPENDIX B - INDICATIVE SCHOOL BUDGETS 2020-21

School	Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4
	2019-20 NFF School Budget (excluding any one off funding)	2020-21 NFF Indicative School Budget (excluding any one off funding)	NFF Change Between Years	2020-21 Proposed Additional One off Funding
Avanti House Primary School	£1,633,276	£1,624,334	-£8,941	£32,973
Avanti House School	£4,362,456	£4,751,885	£389,429	£104,990
Aylward Primary School	£2,089,283	£2,137,965	£48,683	£37,480
Belmont School	£2,600,213	£2,881,990	£281,777	£48,946
Bentley Wood High School	£5,849,220	£6,227,623	£378,403	£126,555
Camrose Primary With Nursery	£2,175,538	£2,168,644	-£6,894	£31,945
Cannon Lane Primary School	£2,898,012	£3,034,075	£136,063	£23,400
Canons High School	£5,651,993	£5,793,761	£141,769	£115,011
Cedars Manor School	£2,482,378	£2,360,310	-£122,069	£38,825
Earlsmead Primary School	£1,445,539	£1,402,501	-£43,039	£24,196
Elmgrove Primary School & Nursery	£3,269,513	£3,415,429	£145,916	£60,649
Glebe Primary School	£2,656,761	£2,654,693	-£2,068	£48,709
Grange Primary School	£2,632,328	£2,741,605	£109,277	£44,676
Grimsdyke School	£2,258,358	£2,357,484	£99,126	£47,365
Harrow High School	£5,021,821	£5,462,957	£441,135	£95,859
Hatch End High School	£5,598,990	£5,702,320	£103,330	£107,840
Heathland School	£2,601,729	£2,691,138	£89,409	£49,262
Hujjat Primary School	£0	£189,874	£189,874	£2,768
Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School	£1,240,108	£1,239,118	-£990	£20,875
Kenmore Park Junior School	£1,667,715	£1,640,662	-£27,053	£29,731
Krishna Avanti Primary School	£1,564,724	£1,698,292	£133,568	£33,211
Longfield Primary School	£2,893,846	£3,039,924	£146,078	£59,305
Marlborough Primary School	£2,811,822	£2,860,336	£48,514	£50,132
Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School	£1,471,270	£1,617,748	£146,478	£30,917
Norbury School	£2,594,541	£2,778,884	£184,343	£48,551
Nower Hill High School	£7,913,535	£8,403,079	£489,544	£183,468
Park High School	£7,208,226	£7,538,337	£330,111	£154,853
Pinner High School	£3,131,927	£4,441,678	£1,309,751	£94,584
Pinner Park Primary School	£3,333,352	£3,461,051	£127,699	£65,630
Pinner Wood School	£2,484,204	£2,669,691	£185,487	£49,579
Priestmead Primary School and Nursery	£3,113,713	£3,217,640	£103,926	£64,049
Rooks Heath College	£5,698,510	£6,138,245	£439,735	£119,576
Roxbourne Primary School	£2,054,119	£2,019,212	-£34,907	£35,425
Roxeth Primary School	£1,874,318	£1,890,459	£16,142	£34,713
Saint Jerome Church of England Bilingual School	£928,202	£1,135,475	£207,274	£20,559
Salvatorian Roman Catholic College	£2,133,511	£2,234,466	£100,955	£43,551
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	£1,615,466	£1,636,313	£20,846	£33,131
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	£1,628,420	£1,702,554	£74,134	£32,894
St George's Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy	£1,650,923	£1,665,102	£14,179	£32,499
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	£2,146,821	£2,324,520	£177,700	£47,285
St John's CofE School Stanmore	£1,685,338	£1,624,759	-£60,579	£29,969
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	£1,692,929	£1,784,460	£91,531	£33,290
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and Nursery	£1,696,792	£1,732,320	£35,528	£32,736
Stag Lane Infant and Nursery School	£1,563,272	£1,615,587	£52,315	£27,755
Stag Lane Junior School	£1,644,784	£1,760,862	£116,078	£32,262
Stanburn Primary School	£3,193,628	£3,210,975	£17,347	£61,993
The Moriah Jewish Day School	£726,241	£669,182	-£57,059	£11,782
The Sacred Heart Language College	£4,075,390	£4,371,235	£295,845	£94,651
The Weldon Park Academy	£2,236,909	£2,097,990	-£138,919	£37,560
Vaughan Primary School	£2,496,518	£2,564,291	£67,774	£49,183
Weald Rise Primary School	£2,101,642	£2,039,449	-£62,193	£31,945
West Lodge Primary School	£2,538,030	£2,617,785	£79,755	£51,634
Whitchurch Primary School & Nursery	£3,138,139	£3,208,104	£69,966	£61,123
Whitefriars School	£5,541,229	£6,292,935	£751,705	£116,496
Whitmore High School	£8,038,228	£8,332,477	£294,249	£158,688
Totals	£158,755,753	£166,873,789	£8,118,037	£3,157,034

NOTES

Note 1 - School Budget in 2019-20 distributed through the Schools Funding Formula excluding any one off funding or other grants

Note 2 - Indicative School Budget in 2020-21 distributed through the Schools Funding Formula excluding any one off funding or other grants

Note 3 - Indicative School Budget change between years

Note 4 - Indicative Additional One off funding 2020-21 ONLY

APPENDIX C - ANALYSIS OF INDICATIVE BUDGET CHANGES BETWEEN 2020-21 AND 2019-20 (EXCLUDING ONE OFF)

Changes in funding due to:

School	Pupil Numbers	Net increase in factor rates	Low Prior Attainment	Mobility	MFG	Total
Avanti House Primary School	-£12,065.12	£34,177.16	-£29,763.46	£0.00	-£1,290.04	-£8,941.46
Avanti House School	£197,445.75	£183,169.61	£8,813.70	£0.00	£0.00	£389,429.06
Aylward Primary School	£9,048.84	£65,362.32	-£16,885.64	-£19,365.07	£10,522.13	£48,682.57
Belmont School	£144,781.44	£116,842.45	£24,522.64	-£4,369.46	£0.00	£281,777.07
Bentley Wood High School	£135,501.69	£219,784.94	£23,116.45	£0.00	£0.00	£378,403.08
Camrose Primary With Nursery	-£27,146.52	£45,391.17	-£20,908.51	-£25,933.83	£21,703.87	-£6,893.82
Cannon Lane Primary School	£6,032.56	£136,736.56	-£6,706.03	£0.00	£0.00	£136,063.09
Canons High School	£40,603.53	£148,037.46	-£18,650.74	£0.00	-£28,221.34	£141,768.91
Cedars Manor School	-£114,618.64	£57,552.13	-£44,204.44	-£69,497.87	£48,700.09	-£122,068.73
Earlsmead Primary School	-£60,325.60	£31,294.28	-£26,151.85	£12,144.26	£0.00	-£43,038.91
Elmgrove Primary School & Nursery	£63,341.88	£112,785.33	-£17,475.88	-£83,346.58	£70,611.27	£145,916.03
Glebe Primary School	-£36,195.36	£74,700.40	-£58,838.90	-£19,896.73	£38,162.84	-£2,067.74
Grange Primary School	£42,227.92	£87,728.23	-£13,744.65	-£76,468.95	£69,534.54	£109,277.09
Grimsdyke School	£18,097.68	£86,494.75	-£399.38	-£5,067.53	£0.00	£99,125.52
Harrow High School	£214,669.74	£168,162.93	£26,140.11	-£150,236.51	£182,398.89	£441,135.15
Hatch End High School	-£93,844.74	£160,330.09	£28,172.23	£8,672.79	£0.00	£103,330.37
Heathland School	£18,097.68	£101,592.42	-£16,916.17	-£10,793.43	-£2,571.21	£89,409.29
Hujjat Primary School	£105,569.80	£84,304.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£189,874.40
Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School	-£21,113.96	£44,677.89	-£24,554.19	£0.00	£0.00	-£990.27
Kenmore Park Junior School	-£42,227.92	£38,830.38	-£34,777.89	£0.00	£11,122.50	-£27,052.93
Krishna Avanti Primary School	£87,472.12	£55,564.36	£6,413.08	£0.00	-£15,881.65	£133,567.92
Longfield Primary School	£48,260.48	£92,427.26	£1,610.77	£3,779.02	£0.00	£146,077.52
Marlborough Primary School	£9,048.84	£60,317.36	-£40,190.07	-£76,406.34	£95,743.71	£48,513.51
Newton Farm Nursery, Infant and Junior School	£96,520.96	£55,015.33	£3,110.32	£0.00	-£8,168.65	£146,477.96
Norbury School	£99,537.24	£80,949.94	£13,013.39	-£77,273.53	£68,115.92	£184,342.97
Nower Hill High School	£92,734.38	£352,439.59	£44,370.04	£0.00	£0.00	£489,544.01
Park High School	-£8,482.62	£298,709.20	£33,291.43	£6,593.18	£0.00	£330,111.19
Pinner High School	£1,007,880.12	£217,595.14	£70,847.07	£13,428.33	£0.00	£1,309,750.66
Pinner Park Primary School	£21,113.96	£93,781.68	-£3,721.81	£16,525.42	£0.00	£127,699.25
Pinner Wood School	£108,586.08	£76,373.48	-£5,390.27	-£35,797.53	£41,715.73	£185,487.48
Priestmead Primary School and Nursery	£102,553.52	£6,675.61	-£5,302.95	£0.00	£0.00	£103,926.18
Rooks Heath College	£152,026.47	£248,775.87	£43,610.56	£6,677.09	-£11,354.93	£439,735.05
Roxbourne Primary School	-£51,276.76	£62,512.89	-£47,699.02	-£79,864.16	£81,419.62	-£34,907.42
Roxeth Primary School	-£12,065.12	£61,263.14	-£17,963.52	-£41,263.56	£26,170.77	£16,141.72
Saint Jerome Church of England Bilingual School	£140,015.72	£65,293.30	£6,088.59	£0.00	-£4,123.96	£207,273.65
Salvatorian Roman Catholic College	£4,768.02	£97,292.57	-£1,105.52	£0.00	£0.00	£100,955.07
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School	-£9,048.84	£66,283.54	-£36,388.25	£0.00	£0.00	£20,846.45
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	£27,146.52	£58,565.11	-£11,577.64	£0.00	£0.00	£74,133.99
St George's Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy	-£24,130.24	£47,258.86	-£8,949.30	£0.00	£0.00	£14,179.33
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	£90,488.40	£90,103.69	-£2,892.53	£0.00	£0.00	£177,699.56
St John's CofE School Stanmore	-£87,472.12	£70,045.16	-£27,703.77	-£15,448.00	£0.00	-£60,578.73
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	£18,097.68	£79,076.58	-£5,643.19	£0.00	£0.00	£91,531.07
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and Nursery	-£3,016.28	£62,887.99	-£24,343.59	£0.00	£0.00	£35,528.12
Stag Lane Infant and Nursery School	£6,032.56	£54,183.96	£9,757.52	£0.00	-£17,659.36	£52,314.68
Stag Lane Junior School	£66,358.16	£68,679.51	-£18,959.76	£0.00	£0.00	£116,077.91
Stanburn Primary School	-£51,276.76	£100,744.97	-£32,120.97	£0.00	£0.00	£17,347.25
The Moriah Jewish Day School	-£57,309.32	£24,747.31	-£20,960.57	£0.00	-£3,536.10	-£57,058.67
The Sacred Heart Language College	£111,422.94	£178,306.34	£6,116.03	£0.00	£0.00	£295,845.31
The Welldon Park Academy	-£105,569.80	£6,631.22	-£47,852.03	£7,871.71	£0.00	-£138,918.90
Vaughan Primary School	£24,130.24	£77,270.82	-£43,134.43	£2,609.35	£6,897.58	£67,773.57
Weald Rise Primary School	-£66,358.16	£48,377.81	-£28,754.20	-£102,798.37	£87,339.59	-£62,193.32
West Lodge Primary School	£6,032.56	£103,290.62	-£29,567.92	£0.00	£0.00	£79,755.26
Whitchurch Primary School & Nursery	£12,065.12	£67,957.03	-£20,657.14	-£7,881.45	£18,481.99	£69,965.56
Whitefriars School	£444,843.82	£311,093.74	£58,127.15	-£62,359.65	£0.00	£751,705.06
Whitmore High School	£7,908.18	£246,420.74	£39,919.86	£0.00	£0.00	£294,248.77
Totals	£2,896,918.72	£5,684,866.81	-£363,815.23	-£885,767.38	£785,833.82	£8,118,036.74