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London Borough of Waltham Forest
SCHOOLS FORUM

Day/Date/Time	Venue
Wednesday 15 November 2023, 5.30 pm	VIA TEAMS
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Clerk to Schools Forum	Dennese.White@walthamforest.gov.uk
Maintained Primary Headteacher Representatives (5)	
Claire Nairn	Handsworth
Lindsey Lampard	Chingford C of E Primary
Rosie McGlynn	Our Lady and St George
Katie Jennings	Mission Grove Primary School
Zakia Khatun	Whitehall Primary School
Primary Academies and Primary Free Schools Representatives (4)	
Laura Hewer	Lime Trust (Larkwood, Hornbeam)
Anne Powell	Griffin Trust (Riverley, Willow Brook, Lammas)
Maureen Okoye (Chair)	Arbor Trust (Davies Lane, Selwyn, Woodford Green, Acacia Nursery)
Iram Malik	Genesis Trust (St Marys and St Saviours)
Maintained Primary Governor Representatives (1)	
Aktar Beg	Edinburgh Primary
Nursery School Representative (1)	
Helen Currie	Forest Alliance Nursery Schools (Church Hill, Low Hall)
Maintained Secondary Headteacher Representatives (2)	
Rebecca Linden	Willowfield School
Jenny Smith	Frederick Bremer School
Secondary Academies and Secondary Free Schools Representatives (4)	
Wayne Barnett	Chingford Trust (North Chingford and South Chingford)
John Hernandez (Vice Chair)	Exceptional Education Trust (Norlington School and Sixth Form)
Rob Pittard	Exceptional Education Trust (Norlington School and Sixth Form)
Tracey Penfold	Highams Park Trust
Maintained Secondary Governor Representative (1)	
Shona Ramsey	Leytonstone School
Maintained Special School Representative (1)	
Bruce Roberts	Belmont Park School
Special School and Special Academies Representative (1)	
Kirstie Fulthorpe	Flourish Learning Trust (Joseph Clark, Whitefield)
PRU (1)	
Liz Rattue	Hawkswood Group
Non School Members (4)	
Anuta Dunca (First Stepping Stones Nursery)	Early Years Providers

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Abena Rodman-Tay (Waltham Forest College)	16-19 Providers
Paul Phillips (NEU)	Trade Unions
Carolyn Laws (Holy Family)	Diocesan

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Report Name	Report Authors
1	Welcome all and Apologies. <i>Welcome new members:</i>	Chair
2	Declarations of Interest	All
3	Minutes of meeting 18 October 2023	Chair
3a	Decision Sheet from 18 October 2023	For the record
4	Local Funding Formula 2024-25	Duncan James-Pike
5	Maintained Nursery Schools Business Rates	Eve McLoughlin
6	Early Years Task and Finish report	Eve McLoughlin
7	High Needs Consultation on Inter block Transfer	Duncan James-Pike
	Date of Next Meetings: Wednesdays, 5:30pm	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 December 2023 	Central School Services block Growth Fund Services to Maintained Schools School Improvement Budget 2024-25 High Needs Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 January 2024 	TBC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 07 February 2024	Schools Block Indicative allocations High Needs Block Indicative allocations Early Years Block Indicative allocations



MINUTES OF SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Day/Date/Time	Venue
Weds 18 October 2023, 5.30 pm	VIA TEAMS
Contact:	
Clerk to Schools Forum	Dennese.white@walthamforest.gov.uk
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Tracey Griffiths	Barn Croft Primary School
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Nursery School Representative (1)	
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Jenny Smith	Frederick Bremer
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Maintained Special School Representative (1)	
Special School and Special Academies Representative (1)	
Paul Lawson on behalf of Kirstie Fulthorpe	Flourish Learning Trust (Joseph Clark, Whitefield)
PRU (1)	
Non School Members (4)	

Anuta Dunca	Early Years Provider (First Steppingstones Nursery)
Abena Rodman-Tay (Waltham Forest College)	16 -19 Providers

Officers	
Anne-Marie Koroma	Assistant Director for Youth and Family Resilience Service
Dennese White	Principal Accountant
Duncan James-Pike	Strategic Finance Advisor
Eva Gunkova	Assistant Director
Eve McLoughlin	Head of Early Years, Childcare and Business Development
Gurpreet Kataora	Head of School Business Support
Hiran Perera	Principal Accountant
Jamel Mason	Senior Accountant
Lauren Ovenden	Director of Education
Lindsay Jackson	Assistant Director Post 16 & Operations
Lucinda Lord	Senior Accountant
Sergio Dimech	Head of Education Finance
Umut Yeter	Principal Accountant
Observers	
Cllr Kizzy Gardiner	Councillor
Fiona Judge	The Winns Primary School
Kate Jennings	Mission Grove Primary School
Michele Brown	Opossum Federation
Natalie Fitzgerald	Hawkswood Group
Rosette Doxon	Leytonstone School
Shermaine Lewis	Frederick Bremer School
Apologies	
Helen Currie	Forest Alliance Nursery Schools (Church Hill, Low Hall)
Lindsey Lampard	Chingford C of E Primary
Rosie McGlynn	Our Lady and St George Catholic School
Shona Ramsey	Leytonstone School
Tracy Penfold	Highams Park Trust

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies from Helen Currie, Lindsey Lampard, Rosie McGlynn, Shona Ramsey and Tracy Penfold

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 No Declaration of Interests highlighted.

3. Minutes of 18 October 2023 Schools Forum meeting

3.1 Minutes were agreed.

3.2 Matters Arising: None

3a. Decision Sheet from October 2023

Noted for the record.

4 Report back from Alternative Provision Task& Finish Group

4.1 This report feeds back from the Task and Finish group set up to review and provide recommendations on the three-year agreement to cover 2024-25 to 2026-27 for mainstream school contributions to commissioned Alternative Provision places.

4.2 **Schools Forum to agree:** That the current three-year agreement is extended by an additional year, for 2024-25, and that the next three-year agreement will be agreed by Schools Forum in Autumn 2024 to cover the period 2025-26 to 2027-28.

4.2.1 **To Vote:** Agree – 11, Disagree – 0

4.2.2 Question

This is to confirm continuing the current model for 1 more year to allow the SEND and AP reviews to take place, with the Local Authority continuing to subsidise £200k of the costs, then the new costs related to schools will effectively finance 1 more year of the current model, to allow us to prepare for the three SLE's and structure for Hawkswood group and AP provisions. Is this correct?

Response

Yes, that is correct.

4.2.3 Question

Is the reason for the significant increase because of the movement from the High Needs block?

£25k increase over the next 2 years, this will have a significant impact on budgets. Could you confirm what support can be provided?

4.2.4 Response

5 places within the Hawkswood group had been paid for fully by the local authority for the past 3 years. School Forum agreed to expand from 15 places to 20 places at Hawkswood Secondary School. In effect the schools have been receiving 5 additional places each year without any charged and this is part of the reason for the increase in costs.

The cost for each place has been incrementally increased alongside the AWPU increase. The LA is already subsidising by £200k which is what this paper is presenting today.

4.2.5 Comment

How can small schools afford this long-term proportionate to how many of their children go to the unit. If they must spot purchase, it will cost significantly more.

4.2.6 Comment

It is important to note, while it appears a lot of money, when compared to other boroughs it is significantly less. The cost of AP places in Waltham Forest is significantly lower than the London average and has been for many years, even with this incremental increase, we are still not close to the costs across London in terms of value, if we were to looking to go out of borough, the costs would be double.

4.2.7 Comment

The design going forward should factor in the costs from the start, as this was not always done in the past, there needs to be a clear link between what schools are willing to pay, what the offer will be and where the money is coming from, so that the offer meets the need of the schools.

4.2.8 School Forum noted the contents of this report.

5 Report back from Resource Ladder Task & Finish group

5.1 This report details the papers and discussions from the Task and Finish Group on the Resource Ladder.

5.2 Question

The reviews are to be done in batches, has a time frame being schedule?

5.3 Response

The reviews are to be done in batches of 10 and articulate a time around them. Also, this is to be done in concert with the schools.

The mechanism for special schools always exists, if the provision map does not match what you need for the children, please come back to the resource panel to address.

5.4 Question

Who is the Identified Officer working with Schools? Is it Annette?

5.5 Response

It is Annette.

5.6 **Schools Forum noted the contents of this report.**

6 Update on Early Years SENIF

6.1 This report updates Schools Forum on the SENIF in Reception project and requests that the funding covers two academic years.

6.2 Comment

The level of need coming through in the early years at the moment, is much higher than we have seen for a long time, and it does not seem to be lessening, as there is an explosion of younger children coming through early years. This was a really considered presentation.

6.3 Schools Forum to agree:

6.3.1 To carry forward the 2023-24 underspend (estimated at £100k) to financial year 2024-25 and to agree a transfer of £150k of Schools Block funding in financial year 2024-25 to continue the pilot in academic year 2024/25.

6.3.2 The anticipated benefits that the success of the SENIF in Reception pilot will be measured against.

6.3.3 **To Vote:** Agree – 9, Disagree – 0

7 High Needs Block update

7.1 This report outlines the current position of the DSG deficit and the High Needs budget, together with the DFE intervention programmes and the treatment of DSG deficits in Local Authority accounts.

7.2 Question

What is the risk if we do not support moving funds from Schools block to High needs block?

7.3 Response

The risk will be, it makes it more likely we will be in an in-year deficit next year and if the DSG deficit start to increase overall, this leaves us open to interventions, hence the reason we try to balance.

7.4 Schools Forum agreed to the recommendation to establish a Task and Finish Group

8 AOB

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 November 2023 @ 17.30 via Microsoft Teams Link

Schools Forum, 18 October 2023

Summary of Decisions

Item 4 Report back from Alternative Provision Task& Finish Group

Schools Forum agreed:

4.1 That the current three-year agreement is extended by an additional year, for 2024-25, and that the next three-year agreement will be agreed by Schools Forum in Autumn 2024 to cover the period 2025-26 to 2027-28.

4.1.1 **Vote:** Agree – 11, Disagree – 0

Schools Forum noted:

4.2 No school can be forced to sign up to contribute to the additional year of this 3-year agreement. However, Schools Forum are asked to note that, unlike mainstream schools, PRUs only receive funding via commissioned places and the associated mainstream school contributions. Schools who choose not to opt-in to a mainstream school agreement leave the PRU's financial sustainability – and the delivery of the agreed Alternative Provision framework – vulnerable.

4.2.1 Whilst there can be an agreed higher charge for schools who do not choose to opt in but need to access places later in the year, this forces the Hawkswood Group to reduce their core expenditure and core staffing costs impacting on the service that can be provided to all pupils. To ensure the Group can strategically plan and retain quality, it is strongly advised that schools agree that an opt-in model is expected for all schools.

4.2.2 Hawkswood Primary, Hawkswood Secondary, and Belmont Park are also commissioned to deliver SEND places, these places are managed by the SEND Service via the panel and so are not included in this funding agreement

Item 5 Report back from Resource Ladder Task & Finish group

5.1 **Schools Forum noted the contents of this report.**

Item 6 Update on Early Years SENIF

Schools Forum noted:

6.1 The anticipated cost of the SENIF in Reception pilot in academic year 2023/24 is £250k.

6.1.2 The total cost of the pilot across academic years 2023/24 and 2024/25 is anticipated to be £500k.

6.1.3 Schools Forum approved a Schools Block transfer of £350k in December 2022.

6.1.4 The anticipated spend for financial year 2023-24 is £250k which would result in an underspend of £100k.

6.2 Schools Forum agreed:

6.2.1 To carry forward the 2023-24 underspend (estimated at £100k) to financial year 2024-25 and to agree a transfer of £150k of Schools Block funding in financial year 2024-25 to continue the pilot in academic year 2024/25.

6.2.2 The anticipated benefits that the success of the SENIF in Reception pilot will be measured against.

6.2.3 To Vote: Agree – 9, Disagree - 0

Item 7 High Needs Block update

7.1 Schools Forum noted the contents of this report.

Schools Forum agreed:

7.2 To establish a Task and Finish Group to consider options for moving funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block and to report back to Schools Forum in November.

Meeting / Date	SCHOOLS FORUM 15 November 2023	Agenda Item	4
Report Title	Draft Local Funding Formula 2024-25		
Decision/Discussion/ Information	For Discussion and Decision by all		
Report Author/ Contact details	Duncan James-Pike, Strategic Finance Advisor duncan.james-pike@walthamforest.gov.uk		
Appendices	Appendix A: Draft Local Funding Formula for 2024-25 Appendix B: Formula Comparison 2024-25 with 2023-24 Appendix C: Split site factors Appendix D: Indicative Budgets 2024-25		

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the draft Local Funding Formula (LFF) and Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for the Schools Block 2024-25.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Schools Forum to agree:

2.1.1 To use the NFF factors and rates for 2024-25.

2.1.2 To use the maximum MFG permitted (+0.5%).

2.1.3 After running the formula, if there are unallocated funds, these are allocated through raising the rates for Basic Entitlement (AWPU), subject to the maximum 2.5% permitted.

2.1.4 If this upper limit is reached, any further funds will be applied to the Growth Fund.

3. REASON

3.1 Schools Forum must be consulted on any changes to the LFF or MFG although no change in approach is proposed for 2024-25.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In September 2015 Schools Forum adopted the following principles to be applied to its funding decisions:

- Transparency
- Fairness

- Stability
 - Support for vulnerable students
- 4.2 In October 2019 Schools Forum noted the direction of travel towards a NFF and asked officers to model the impact of moving towards NFF funding figures over a transitional period.
- 4.3 A task and finish group considered several detailed models and recommended the adoption of the NFF factors and rates in 2020-21, coupled with raising the MFG to the new upper limit of +1.84%. The high MFG protected schools from the negative effect of any redistribution flowing from the adoption of NFF factor rates, while allowing some gains to feed through.
- 4.4 These proposals were adopted by Schools Forum in November 2019 and confirmed by a consultation in late November 2019.
- 4.5 In 2021-22 and 2022-23 Schools Forum reaffirmed its decision on the NFF together with the maximum level of MFG which had been raised to +2%. In 2023-24 the MFG had to be set between 0% and +0.5% with Schools Forum choosing the maximum +0.5%. The same range of 0% to +0.5% applies in 2024-25 and the LA proposes to use the MFG at the maximum level of +0.5% as was the case in 2023-24.
- 4.6 The LFF remains a draft until it has been applied to the ESFA's budget setting tool, the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) issued in December, to see if any unallocated funds remain. This was the case in 2023-24 and the balance was applied to raise the Basic Entitlement. The 2024-25 guidance sets a 2.5% limit to changes to the Basic Entitlement rates. In the unlikely event that this limit is reached, the LA proposes any further funds will be applied to the Growth Fund.
- 4.7 The draft LFF for 2024-25 is shown as **Appendix A** to this report. All factors except PFI are within the national funding formula.
- 4.8 The changes between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 factors are shown in **Appendix B**.
- 4.9 The ESFA has introduced new compulsory split-site funding criteria comprising basic eligibility and distance eligibility. The impact on the schools affected is shown in **Appendix C**.
- 4.10 The ESFA fund PFI costs on historic sums which are indexed every year using RPIX data (retail prices index for all items excluding mortgage interest). In 2024-25 the indexation will be 10.42% in line with RPIX growth for the year to April 2023.

4.11 Indicative budgets for 2024-25 are shown at **Appendix D**. Please note these are based on a simple uplift to 2023-24 per pupil budgets and do not take into account the changes to formula factors; any re-distributions from applying the October 2023 census of pupil numbers and characteristics; or the operation of the MFG.

LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA APPENDIX A

NFF VALUES 2024-25

PUPIL-LED FACTORS		PRIMARY	SECONDARY
		PER PUPIL	PER PUPIL
BASIC ENTITLEMENT	KS1&2	£3,597	
	KS3		£5,072
	KS4		£5,717
DEPRIVATION	FSM	£490	£490
	FSM Ever 6	£830	£1,210
	IDACI F	£235	£345
	IDACI E	£285	£455
	IDACI D	£450	£635
	IDACI C	£490	£695
	IDACI B	£520	£750
	IDACI A	£685	£950
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	LOW PRIOR ATTAINMENT	£1,185	£1,790
	EAL	£595	£1,605
	MOBILITY	£970	£1,395

SCHOOL-LED FACTORS	
LUMP SUM (Each school)	£135,700
RATES	Actual Costs
PFI	Actual Costs
SPLIT-SITES	
Basic Eligibility	£54,300
Distance Eligibility - Maximum	£27,100
EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Kelmescott)	£84,500

DRAFT LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA 2024-25
NFF VALUES 2024-25 + SCHOOLS BLOCK AREA COST ADJUSTMENT
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PUPIL-LED FACTORS		PRIMARY	SECONDARY
		PER PUPIL	PER PUPIL
BASIC ENTITLEMENT	KS1&2	£3,897	
	KS3		£5,496
	KS4		£6,194
DEPRIVATION	FSM	£531	£531
	FSM Ever 6	£899	£1,311
	IDACI F	£255	£374
	IDACI E	£309	£493
	IDACI D	£488	£688
	IDACI C	£531	£753
	IDACI B	£563	£813
	IDACI A	£742	£1,029
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	LOW PRIOR ATTAINMENT	£1,284	£1,940
	EAL	£645	£1,739
	MOBILITY	£1,051	£1,512

SCHOOL-LED FACTORS	
LUMP SUM (Each school)	£147,034
RATES	Actual Costs
PFI	Actual Costs
SPLIT-SITES	
Basic Eligibility	£58,835
Distance Eligibility - Maximum	£29,363
EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Kelmescott)	£84,500

APPENDIX B:

LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA 2023/24 PRIMARY COMPARED TO 2024/25

PUPIL-LED FACTORS		PRIMARY PER PUPIL 2024/25	PRIMARY PER PUPIL 2023/24	CHANGE £	CHANGE %
BASIC ENTITLEMENT	KS1&2	£3,897	£3,691	£206	5.59%
	KS3				
	KS4				
DEPRIVATION	FSM	£531	£521	£10	1.89%
	FSM Ever 6	£899	£765	£134	17.51%
	IDACI F	£255	£250	£5	1.98%
	IDACI E	£309	£304	£5	1.60%
	IDACI D	£488	£478	£10	2.08%
	IDACI C	£531	£521	£10	1.89%
	IDACI B	£563	£554	£10	1.77%
IDACI A	£742	£727	£15	2.05%	
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	LOW PRIOR ATTAINMENT	£1,284	£1,254	£30	2.41%
	EAL	£645	£630	£15	2.40%
	MOBILITY	£1,051	£1,026	£25	2.46%

LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA 2023/24 SECONDARY COMPARED TO 2024/25

PUPIL-LED FACTORS		SECONDARY PER PUPIL 2024/25	SECONDARY PER PUPIL 2023/24	CHANGE £	CHANGE %
BASIC ENTITLEMENT	KS1&2				
	KS3	£5,496	£5,204	£292	5.61%
	KS4	£6,194	£5,865	£329	5.62%
DEPRIVATION	FSM	£531	£521	£10	1.89%
	FSM Ever 6	£1,311	£1,118	£193	17.27%
	IDACI F	£374	£364	£10	2.70%
	IDACI E	£493	£483	£10	2.07%
	IDACI D	£688	£673	£15	2.23%
	IDACI C	£753	£738	£15	2.04%
	IDACI B	£813	£792	£21	2.61%
IDACI A	£1,029	£1,010	£19	1.92%	
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS	LOW PRIOR ATTAINMENT	£1,940	£1,900	£40	2.10%
	EAL	£1,739	£1,699	£40	2.37%
	MOBILITY	£1,512	£1,476	£35	2.38%

SCHOOL-LED FACTORS

LUMP SUM (Each school)	£147,034	£138,948	£8,086	6%
RATES	Paid direct by ESFA			
PFI	Actual Costs			

SPLIT-SITES PRIMARY : 2023-24

Schools that have split sites requiring two receptions/offices	£36,000
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SPLIT-SITES 2024-25

Basic Eligibility	£58,835
Distance Eligibility - Maximum	£29,363

SCHOOL-LED FACTORS

LUMP SUM (Each school)	£147,034	£138,948	£8,086	6%
RATES	Paid direct by ESFA			
PFI	Actual Costs			

SPLIT-SITES SECONDARY: 2023-24

Second Site building footprint more than 50% of Main Site	£140,000
Second Site building footprint less than 50% of Main Site	£70,000
No Playing Field	£9,000

SPLIT-SITES 2024-25

Basic Eligibility	£58,835
Distance Eligibility - Maximum	£29,363

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES 2023-24 and 2024-25

Kelmscott	£84,500
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APPENDIX D

School Name	NOR (from Adjusted Factors column O)	23-24 Post MFG Budget	23-24 Post MFG per pupil Budget	24-25 INDICATIVE Budget	24-25 INDICATIVE per pupil Budget	INDICATIVE Increase over 23-23 Post MFG Budget
	37786	£227,292,525		£237,881,104		
Chase Lane Primary School	617	£3,533,397.84	£5,726.74	£3,698,003.62	£5,993.52	£164,605.78
Whitehall Primary School	422	£2,176,801.88	£5,158.30	£2,278,209.70	£5,385.26	£101,407.82
Downsell Primary School	374	£2,437,023.93	£6,516.11	£2,550,554.38	£6,802.82	£113,530.45
Newport School	764	£3,805,882.20	£4,981.52	£3,983,181.86	£5,200.71	£177,299.66
Chapel End Infant School and Early Years Centre	209	£1,277,578.47	£6,112.82	£1,337,095.35	£6,381.78	£59,516.88
Edinburgh Primary School	294	£1,674,602.31	£5,695.93	£1,752,614.82	£5,946.55	£78,012.51
Greenleaf Primary School	414	£2,108,236.03	£5,092.36	£2,206,449.67	£5,316.42	£98,213.63
Handsworth Primary School	416	£2,004,896.46	£4,819.46	£2,098,295.94	£5,031.52	£93,399.49
Thorpe Hall Primary School	340	£1,827,623.75	£5,375.36	£1,912,764.87	£5,611.88	£85,141.12
The Winns Primary School	578	£3,028,610.17	£5,239.81	£3,169,700.07	£5,470.36	£141,089.90
Oakhill Primary School	185	£1,004,725.25	£5,430.95	£1,051,531.07	£5,669.91	£46,805.82
Henry Maynard Primary School	752	£3,724,596.34	£4,952.92	£3,898,109.23	£5,170.85	£173,512.90
South Grove Primary School	421	£2,501,396.80	£5,941.56	£2,617,926.10	£6,202.99	£116,529.30
Dawlish Primary School	177	£1,003,171.21	£5,667.63	£1,049,904.63	£5,917.01	£46,733.42
Gwyn Jones Primary School	400	£1,997,668.38	£4,994.17	£2,090,731.15	£5,213.91	£93,062.76
George Tomlinson Primary School	433	£2,267,507.37	£5,236.74	£2,373,140.76	£5,467.15	£105,633.40
Mission Grove Primary School	715	£3,671,751.39	£5,135.32	£3,842,802.47	£5,361.27	£171,051.08
Coppermill Primary School	213	£1,164,459.58	£5,466.95	£1,218,706.74	£5,707.49	£54,247.16
Stoneydown Park School	547	£2,846,875.44	£5,204.53	£2,979,499.10	£5,433.52	£132,623.66
Parkside Primary School	620	£3,243,748.02	£5,231.85	£3,394,860.27	£5,462.05	£151,112.25
The Jenny Hammond Primary School	410	£2,098,831.19	£5,119.10	£2,196,606.69	£5,344.34	£97,775.50
Ainslie Wood Primary School	403	£2,087,721.96	£5,180.45	£2,184,979.93	£5,408.39	£97,257.97
Barn Croft Primary School	196	£1,104,079.03	£5,633.06	£1,155,513.32	£5,880.91	£51,434.29
Chingford CofE Primary School	417	£2,044,344.21	£4,902.50	£2,139,581.39	£5,118.21	£95,237.19
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	213	£1,061,115.39	£4,981.76	£1,110,548.19	£5,200.96	£49,432.79
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	141	£807,735.70	£5,728.62	£845,364.63	£5,980.68	£37,628.93
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School	126	£760,461.72	£6,035.41	£795,888.36	£6,300.97	£35,426.64
Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School	326	£1,767,640.91	£5,422.21	£1,849,987.69	£5,660.79	£82,346.77
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	372	£1,917,637.49	£5,154.94	£2,006,971.96	£5,381.76	£89,334.47
Frederick Bremer School	894	£7,003,618.96	£7,834.03	£7,329,887.39	£8,178.72	£326,268.43
Heathcote School & Science College	887	£6,797,361.88	£7,663.32	£7,114,021.68	£8,000.50	£316,659.81
Willowfield School	938	£6,716,668.66	£7,160.63	£7,029,569.31	£7,475.70	£312,900.66
Leytonstone School	1002	£6,908,310.42	£6,894.52	£7,230,138.84	£7,197.88	£321,828.42
Walthamstow School for Girls	898	£6,261,777.50	£6,973.03	£6,553,486.73	£7,279.84	£291,709.24
Kelmscott School	969	£7,057,926.98	£7,283.72	£7,386,725.39	£7,604.21	£328,798.41
Holy Family Catholic School	975	£6,979,061.24	£7,158.01	£7,304,185.64	£7,472.96	£325,124.40
Buxton School	1190	£7,857,262.93	£6,602.74	£8,223,298.96	£6,893.26	£366,036.03
Lime Academy Larkswood	589	£3,253,892.34	£5,524.44	£3,405,477.17	£5,767.51	£151,584.83
Yardley Primary School	422	£2,038,933.40	£4,831.60	£2,133,918.52	£5,044.19	£94,985.12
Davies Lane Primary School	834	£4,068,210.71	£4,877.95	£4,257,731.12	£5,092.58	£189,520.41
Hillyfield Primary Academy	1174	£6,154,376.51	£5,242.23	£6,441,082.40	£5,472.89	£286,705.89
Emmanuel Community School	183	£1,053,350.79	£5,756.02	£1,102,421.86	£6,009.28	£49,071.08
Willow Brook Primary School Academy	586	£3,111,923.87	£5,310.45	£3,256,895.00	£5,544.11	£144,971.13
The Woodside Primary Academy	1046	£5,575,056.93	£5,329.88	£5,834,774.81	£5,564.40	£259,717.88
Chapel End Junior Academy	281	£1,631,347.90	£5,805.51	£1,707,345.37	£6,060.95	£75,997.47
Riverley Primary School	409	£2,346,568.46	£5,737.33	£2,455,884.97	£5,989.77	£109,316.51
Sybourn Primary School	495	£2,642,695.73	£5,338.78	£2,765,807.54	£5,573.69	£123,111.81
Thomas Gamuel Primary School	339	£1,856,072.61	£5,475.14	£1,942,539.04	£5,716.05	£86,466.43
Walthamstow Primary Academy	178	£1,030,679.22	£5,790.33	£1,078,694.12	£6,045.11	£48,014.90
Roger Ascham Primary School	397	£2,130,696.63	£5,366.99	£2,229,956.61	£5,603.14	£99,259.98
Longshaw Primary Academy	230	£1,242,761.65	£5,403.31	£1,300,656.56	£5,641.06	£57,894.91
Salisbury Manor Primary School	301	£1,709,083.17	£5,678.02	£1,788,701.99	£5,927.85	£79,618.82
Woodford Green Primary School	193	£996,247.00	£5,161.90	£1,042,657.86	£5,389.03	£46,410.86
Whittingham Primary Academy	379	£1,996,825.36	£5,268.67	£2,089,848.86	£5,500.49	£93,023.49
Mayville Primary School	326	£1,747,522.18	£5,360.50	£1,828,931.71	£5,596.36	£81,409.53
St Saviour's Church of England Primary School	329	£1,710,203.13	£5,198.19	£1,789,874.13	£5,426.91	£79,671.00
St Mary's CofE Primary School	566	£2,673,571.97	£4,723.63	£2,798,122.17	£4,931.46	£124,550.20
Barclay Primary School	1215	£6,212,938.45	£5,113.53	£6,502,372.49	£5,338.52	£289,434.04
Selwyn Primary School	594	£3,013,301.90	£5,072.90	£3,153,678.65	£5,296.11	£140,376.75
South Chingford Foundation School	550	£4,034,304.29	£7,335.10	£4,222,245.15	£7,657.84	£187,940.86
Eden Girls' School Waltham Forest	613	£4,432,305.98	£7,230.52	£4,638,788.02	£7,548.66	£206,482.04
Connaught School for Girls	620	£4,242,724.74	£6,843.10	£4,440,375.01	£7,144.20	£197,650.27
Norlington School and 6th Form	737	£5,346,515.36	£7,254.43	£5,595,586.47	£7,573.63	£249,071.12
Lammas School and Sixth Form	660	£5,623,085.94	£8,519.83	£5,885,041.29	£8,894.70	£261,955.35
Highams Park School	1198	£7,933,646.50	£6,622.41	£8,303,240.91	£6,913.80	£369,594.41
Chingford Foundation School	1231	£8,301,918.54	£6,744.04	£8,688,669.16	£7,040.78	£386,750.62
Walthamstow Academy	887	£6,355,228.86	£7,164.86	£6,651,291.59	£7,480.11	£296,062.73
George Mitchell School	976	£6,294,425.39	£6,449.21	£6,587,655.55	£6,732.97	£293,230.16

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

Meeting / Date	SCHOOLS FORUM 15 November 2023	Agenda Item	5
Report Title	Maintained Nursery Schools Business Rates		
Decision/ Discussion/ Information	For Decision		
Report Author/ Contact details	Eve McLoughlin – Head of Early Years & Business Development Service eve.mcloughlin@walthamforest.gov.uk - 020 8496 3576		

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report recommends that Schools Forum agrees to continue transfer £55,000 (0.02%) of the Schools Block to the Early Years Block in 2024-25 to fund Business Rates for the three Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) in Waltham Forest: Acacia, Church Hill, and Low Hall.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Schools Forum to agree:

- 2.1.2 To continue to transfer £55,000 (0.02%) of the Schools Block to the Early Years Block in 2024-25 - approximately £1.46 per pupil - to fund Business Rates for the three Maintained Nursery Schools (MNS) in Waltham Forest: Acacia, Church Hill, and Low Hall.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. A full report on the inequalities of lack of business rate funding for MNS was noted by Schools Forum at its November 2022 meeting.
- 3.2 The total annual business rates costs for all three MNS is circa £55,000. Schools Forum agreed a transfer of £55k from the Schools Block to the Early Years Block for the current financial year 2023-24 to cover the costs of the business rates in MNS and the proposal is to extend this for a further year, 2024-25.
- 3.3 Historically there has been a fundamental unfairness in the funding arrangements for MNS business rates when compared to funding for other schools and other Early Years providers.
- 3.4 The business rates for nursery provision within primary schools is included in the Business Rates funding that schools receive; and other Early Years providers that are voluntary organisations (e.g., registered charities) can apply for discretionary relief from Business Rates.

- 3.5 MNS used to receive funding for rates via a premises supplement previously, however, this was removed when the Early Years National Funding Formula was introduced. The financial sustainability of all three MNS is compromised by this unfunded burden and this situation is reflected nationally where the number of MNS in deficit is growing.
- 3.6 MNS are small schools but have a high cost base as they are required to employ a headteacher, qualified teachers, a SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and staff with level 3 qualifications, while PVIs (Private, Voluntary, and Independent providers) need to employ only one staff member with a level 3 qualification, and half of their remaining staff at level 2.
- 3.7 In recognition of these higher costs for MNS compared to other early years providers, the Government has provided additional temporary supplementary funding to MNS but this does not cover the costs of business rates.
- 3.8 The Treasury has been lobbied on this issue by National Day Nurseries Association and through London Councils, but to date the government have not resolved the anomaly in funding.
- 3.9 While this disparity exists, it is proposed that Schools Forum believes that MNS business rate should be supported through a transfer from the Schools Block.

Meeting / Date	SCHOOLS FORUM 15 November 2023	Agenda Item	6
Report Title	Early Years Block: Early Years funding formula planning for free education payments for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds for 2024-25		
Decision/Discussion/ Information	For information		
Report Author/ Contact details	Eve McLoughlin, Head of Early Years, Childcare & Business Development Service Tel: 020 8496 3576 eve.mcloughlin@walthamforest.gov.uk		
Appendices	Appendix A: E-Mail to early years providers regarding Early Years Task and Finish Group, 28 September 2023 Appendix B: Terms of Reference Early Years Task & Finish group - 2024-25		

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the proposed plan for the development of the early years funding formula for free education payments for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds for 2024-25

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Schools Forum to note:

2.1.1 The proposed timeline set out in Table 1 should form the basis of development of the 2024-25 early years funding formula (EYFF).

2.1.2 That an Early Years Task and Finish Group (EYTFG) has been established as set out in Appendix A and B to review and make recommendations on:

- The 2024-25 Early Years Block funding;
- The wider consultation with all FEEE providers regarding the 2024-25 Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF) for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds; and
- The 2024-25 provider EYFF hourly payment rates for 2, 3 & 4 year-olds.

2.1.3 The DfE's EYNFF operational guidance states that at least 95% of the Early Years Block funding of the DSG in respect of three and four year olds MUST be passed through to providers.

3. REASON

- 3.1 The LA is required to consult annually with Schools Forum on arrangements for Early Years provision.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The DfE/ESFA have not yet published Early Years Block budget allocations for 2024-25. Allocations are usually published around mid-December but may be delayed slightly due to the DfE carrying out a consultation on proposed amendments to the basis for Early Years block funding for financial year 2024-25. The consultation ran from 21 July 2023 to 8 September 2023.
- 4.2 There were some changes made to the way in which the DfE allocated EYDSG funding to LA's as a result of Covid-19, however we are working on the basis that the funding arrangements will return to the normal pre Covid-19 processes for 2024-25 financial year, (based on the January 2023 census counts), and with carry out budget planning on this basis.

5. PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2024-25 EYFF

- 5.1 The proposed plan is outlined below in Table 1 below:

Date	Action
28 September 2023	Expressions of interest sought from all providers of free early education to become a member of the EYTFG. (Appendix A)
13 October 2023	Closing Date for expressions of interest for EYTFG
2 November 2023	First meeting of the EYTFG
15 November 2023	Schools Forum Meeting re EYDSG Block funding arrangements
Mid-December 2023	Expected publication by DfE/ESFA of provisional 2024-25 Early Years DSG block allocations
12 December 2023	Second meeting of the EYTFG
8 th January to 14 th January	Online consultation with all FEEE providers on the proposed EYFF and group question and answer

2024	sessions run for providers
15 January to 22 January 2024	Analysis of consultation responses
23 January 2024	Final meeting of the EYTFG
7 February 2024	Report to Schools Forum on the proposed EYFF 2024-25 for approval

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 An online consultation with all providers who will be in receipt of EYDSG funding during 2024/25 is planned in early January 2024. Providers will be made aware of the consultation via the Early Years newsletter on the Hub website. In addition, e-mails will be sent to all Chairs of Governors, Headteachers and Ofsted registered PVI sector providers advising them of the consultation as well as a link to the online survey.
- 6.2 Q&A sessions will also be held during the consultation week which providers can attend should they wish to.
- 6.3 EYTFG members will also be required to make their respective sector aware of the consultation and encourage them to respond. A hard copy of the consultation questions will be made available to enable respondents to discuss and agree a collective response before submitting their answers online.

Appendix A

E-mail regarding Early Years Task and Finish Group, 28 September 2023

HAVE YOUR SAY ON EARLY YEARS FUNDING IN 2024/25

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

FAO: Managing Directors / Chairs of Trustees / Sole Traders / Operation Managers and Finance Officers

Dear All,

In line with the LA's statutory duty and as notified to the Borough's Schools Forum, I will be setting up and chairing an Early Years Task and Finish Group with FEEE providers across all sectors.

The remit of this group will be to **review and make recommendations on:**

- The Early Years Block 2024-25 funding;
- The wider consultation with all FEEE providers regarding new 2024-25 Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 2, 3 & 4 year-olds;
- The 2024-25 Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) hourly payment rates for 2, 3 & 4 year-olds

In order to ensure the effectiveness of the group it is important that we have diverse membership across range of roles within schools/settings. We are hoping to achieve 10% representation from the sector currently delivering FEEE places, this equates to the following number of representatives from each sector:

- 2 Maintained Schools (including Maintained Nursery Schools)
- 2 Academies
- 2 PVI term time providers
- 4 PVI year-round / full day-care providers (open more than 38 weeks per year and open between 8am and 6pm as a minimum)
- 5 Childminders

Expressions of interest to be part of this group are invited from Senior Leaders from School and PVI sector providers who:

- Are fully up to date with their Headcount returns, in line with the FEEE Financial procedures; and

- Have a good working knowledge of early years funding.

Members will be expected to disseminate information from the Early Years Task and Finish group to their respective sector and to collate their views for presentation at the Early Years Task and Finish Group. The membership of this group will also include LBWF service managers and officers.

We encourage those of you who provide free early education places to 2, 3 & 4 year-old children to become actively involved to ensure that your sector is truly represented and your opinions are heard.

Representatives will be expected to be able to attend all meetings between November 2022 and February 2023, so please do not express an interest in becoming a part of this group if you are unable to commit to attendance during this period.

Key dates:

- 10am to 1pm Thursday 2 November 2023
- 10am to 12pm Tuesday 12 December 2023
- 10am to 1pm Thursday 23 January 2024

All expressions of interest should be returned by email no later than midnight on FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER to FEEeprovision@walthamforest.gov.uk

If we have more applicants than available places on the group, applicants will be asked to provide a pen portrait of no more than 200 words by Friday 13 October 2023 to be circulated to all FEEE providers to decide on electing a representative for that group. The vote will take place on 16 and 17 October 2023. The final group members will be announced on Monday 23 October 2023.

Appendix B



London Borough of Waltham Forest

Terms of Reference

Early Years Task and Finish Group

2024/2025

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Early Years Task & Finish Group (the Group) is established as a time limited sub group of Waltham Forest School's Forum. As such, all principles will closely align with those of the Schools Forum.

The Early Years Task & Finish Group and Waltham Forest School's Forum will work together as strategic partners to co-operate on matters falling within the aims and objectives of the group.

This Group will, wherever possible, try to achieve consensus between the key partners providing Free Early Education in the Borough in line with the relevant statutory guidance.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

The aim of the Group is to take make recommendations to Schools Forum, based on wider consultation with FEEE providers operating in the Borough, and in line with the Governments statutory guidance on matters regarding:

- The Early Years Block 24-25 funding;
- The wider consultation with all FEEE providers regarding new 2024-25 Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) for 2,3 & 4 year olds;
- The new 2024-25 Early Years National Funding Formula (EYNFF) hourly payment rates for 2,3 & 4 year olds; and
- The impact/implications of any new statutory requirements

Decision Making Powers of the Group:-

- The Group do not have decision making powers
- The Schools Forum may refuse or approve the recommendations of the Group subject to modifications.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

It was aimed to achieve 10% representation from the sector currently delivering FEEE places. The final membership and composition of the Group is based on the number of operational FEEE providers that expressed an interest in becoming a member of the group in line with the published criteria before the deadline date of 6th October 2023. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the group it is important that we have diverse membership across range of roles within schools/settings.

Only Provider Representative Members have a vote. There must be at least 1 member from each sector for a vote to be held.

The final Provider Representative Membership is agreed as:

- 2 Maintained Schools (including Maintained Nursery Schools)
- 2 Academy School
- 3 PVI term time providers
- 3 PVI year round/full daycare providers (open more than 38 weeks per year and open between 8am and 6pm as a minimum)
- 5 Childminders (filled by a LA nominated Early Years Teaching & Learning Consultant)

Total = 9 Voting members

The Voting Members of the Group are:

Voting Members:

Sector	Name	School/Setting Name
Maintained Schools (including Maintained Nursery Schools*	Helen Currie	Church Hill & Low Hall Nursery Schools
	Michele Brown	Newport Primary School
Academies	Vacant place	
	Vacant place	
PVI term time providers	Ruth Mattison	Handsworth Pre-school
	Hawa Hansa	Noor Islam Preschool

	Pam Chapman	Shernhall Pre-School
3 to 4 PVI year-round / full day-care providers	Michelle Bradforth	Sunbeams Day Nursery
	Thomas Handley	Kids Aloud Nursery
	Hannah McCarthy	Footsteps Day Nursery
Childminders	Donia Duffy	LBWF (Representing Childminders)

Non-voting members - LBWF Officers:

LBWF staff	Eve McLoughlin	Head of Early Years Childcare and Business Development (Chair)
	Elisha Brett	Deputy Head of Early Years Childcare and Business Development
	Vira Yurchenko	Finance Officer

Non-voting Advisors to the group to attend as and when required / invited:

	Duncan James-Pike	Strategic Finance Advisor – Finance Team (High Needs Block & Early Years Block)
	Eva Gunkova	Assistant Director – SEND Service (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)

Clerk to the meeting is Temi Adeniji:

Members are appointed to the Group for the period November 2023 to March 2024.

A member ceases to be a member of the Group if he or she resigns from the Group or no longer occupies / is a member of the office or body which he or she was nominated to represent.

Observers will be able to attend meetings to ask questions and contribute to the discussion but will not be able to vote. Voting members will be able to vote on their behalf.

Observers must provide details of their intention to attend the meeting to the clerk in advance of their attendance;

Officers employed by the Local Authority / Families Directorate who have a role in the strategic development of Early Years and associated services are non-voting members of the Group.

They will provide advice to the Group on professional issues, including reports before them, matters of procedure and advice and guidance on changes to Government guidance or policy and make recommendations on the EYNFF.

4. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GROUP

All meetings papers, agendas and minutes are will be made available to the group. Communication links will also be set up on The Hub to enable sector representative to share information with and receive feedback from their respective sector.

Meetings will be held at suitable venues in the Borough as may be considered appropriate in the circumstances. The decisions as to where to hold meetings shall ultimately lie with the Chair of the Group.

The Group shall meet no less than 3 times during the period November 23 and March 24.

The Group may establish and set terms of reference for subcommittees and working groups as required, subject to first obtaining the advice of the Chair of the Group as to the necessity for such arrangements.

Members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation will have their membership reviewed by the Group.

5. Agenda Planning / Despatch of Papers

The responsibility for setting the agenda for the Group lies with the Chair. The Chair shall ensure that all matters falling within the remit of the Group are placed on an appropriate agenda for consideration by the Group in a timely manner.

In this regard meetings need to be scheduled at appropriate points in order to enable the Group to consider outcomes of local consultations and national announcements. The frequency and timing of meetings shall be agreed in advance of the next meeting.

Items for inclusion on the agenda for the Group (submitted by a member of the Group) must be submitted to the Chair of the Group not less than 10 working days before a schedule meeting of the Group

Agendas and reports will generally be circulated by the Chair of the Group at least 5 working days before the meeting to which they relate.

6. Quorum

The quorum for any Group meeting shall be at least 40% of the voting membership. At least one representative of each of the sectors must be present and voting.

7. Declaration of Interests

Members of the Group will have regard to the Local Code of Conduct for Members.

Interests whether personal or pecuniary, should be declared at the outset of the meeting and before the item is discussed. A member with a pecuniary interest or disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) beyond or over and above those interests of the generality of the group they represent) shall declare that interest as soon as it becomes apparent. The member may be present for the introduction of the Item and presentation of a report by the presenting officer, make representations, answer questions and give evidence in response to that presentation before leaving the room. A member with a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) may not take part in the Group's debate on the item, the decision and/or vote.

In considering whether or not to declare a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest, a member of the Group should apply the following test: 'Would a member of the public, knowing the facts of the situation, reasonably think the member might be influenced by the interest?' A pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest would include the situation whereby a proposal uniquely affects either a school/setting at which they are a head teacher / governor/Managing Director or Business owner or which their children attend / close family members are employed at.

If a member knows, or ought to know, that they will have a pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter being discussed by the Group they are encouraged to send a substitute (nominated in accordance with the Constitution) to the meeting in their place.

8. Voting Procedures

The Group shall always seek to operate on a consensus basis. If it is not possible to reach a consensus, members will be required to undertake a formal vote on the matter before them. Each member will have one vote. Votes cast will be carried on a simple majority basis which will be recorded. In the event of an equal number of votes for and against a proposal this will be recorded.

9. Clerk to the Group

The Group will be clerked by an employee of the Council. The specific responsibilities of the Clerk will be to:

- convene meetings of the Group;
- arrange accommodation for meetings;
- co-ordinate and act as secretariat to meetings;
- copy, circulate and dispatch appropriate papers;
- publish papers on The Hub website;
- make and maintain a record of the Membership and all proceedings of the Group.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 will be handled in accordance with the Council's published procedures for dealing with such requests. Any Member of the Group receiving a request under the FOIA will be required to pass that request to the Chair of the Group within 24 hours of receipt of that request in order that the Education Support Service may deal with the request on behalf of the Group within the 20 working day time limit.

11. COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES

The Group is intended to be a collaborative, co-operative body and needs to ensure that no particular sector or member is unduly favoured. Problems and issues should normally be debated and resolved at the Group meetings.

However, if parties feel that these have not been resolved, the following process should be followed and minutes taken.

Stage 1: Complaints from member/s of the group or issues of non-compliance with the terms of reference will in the first instance, be referred in writing to the Chair of the Group. The parties who are in dispute will meet with the Chair of the Group who will investigate and attempt to reach satisfactory resolution through discussion with the representative/s concerned.

Stage 2: In the event of satisfactory resolution not being reached, the matter will be referred to the Chair of Schools Forum for a final decision.

12. Local Code of Conduct for Members

All Members must comply with the following standards when carrying out your official duties:

- a. To act solely in the public interest and never improperly attempt to or actually confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or improperly act to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, friends or close associates.
- b. Not to place themselves under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- c. To make all decisions on merit when carrying out public duties, such as making public appointments or awarding contracts.
- d. To be accountable for their decisions to the public and to cooperate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.
- e. To be open about their decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of their authority and Members should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.
- f. When using or authorising the use by others of the resources of this authority, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes) and members must have regard to any statutory guidance made under the Local Government Act 1986.

- g. To comply with the law (including the Council's Access to Information Rules) in respect of the disclosure and confidentiality of information held by the Council and to seek advice before disclosing personal or other confidential information.
- h. To treat others with respect and not to bully or harass any person.
- i. To promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in their office, particularly those set out in a. to h. above, by leadership and by example.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

Meeting / Date	SCHOOLS FORUM 15 November 2023	Agenda Item	7
Report Title	High Needs: Consultation on Inter Block Transfer		
Decision/ Discussion/ Information	For Information and Discussion		
Report Author/ Contact details	Lauren Ovenden, Director of Education lauren.ovenden@walthamforest.gov.uk Duncan James-Pike, Strategic Finance Advisor, duncan.james-pike@walthamforest.gov.uk		
Appendices	Appendix A: Five Options Appendix B: Indicative impact of Inter-Block transfers		

1. SUMMARY

This report informs School Forum that, following consultation with the task and finish group, the LA intends to consult with schools in the two weeks 20 November to 1 December on proposals to transfer funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2024-25.

2. RECOMMENDATION

Schools Forum to note:

- 2.1 Following consultation with the task and finish group the LA intends to consult with schools in the two weeks 20 November to 1 December on proposals to transfer funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2024-25.
- 2.2 The result of the consultation will be included in a report to December Schools Forum for it to consider before deciding whether to transfer funds and if so, how much to transfer.

3. REASON

- 3.1 The ESFA is continuing its programme of support for local authorities, supporting them to develop appropriate DSG management plans. The ESFA Local Authority Stakeholder Engagement Team is meeting will all local authorities not included in the Safety Valve and Delivering Best Value programmes (which are designed to support LAs with the highest DSG deficits) and will provide support and challenge through a detailed review of management plans to help them achieve financial sustainability.
- 3.2 The LA continues to develop its DSG management plan, which is required under the DSG grant conditions, as Waltham Forest has an historic deficit and the DSG balances are now in an overall rising deficit (due to the reserves of other blocks reducing due to commitments being funded as planned).
- 3.3 As part of this plan, the LA has to consider the limited tools at its disposal, among which is the ability, with Schools Forum support, to transfer some limited funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The indicative High Needs Block for 2024-25 is £58.02 million, only £1.31 million (2.6%) higher than the £56.70 million in 2023-24. Even without continued growth, it seems likely that a further in-year deficit may occur in 2024-25 due to continuing growth in EHCPs.
- 4.2 In contrast, the indicative Schools Block for 2024-25 is £228 million, £10.4 million (4.6%) higher than the £227 million in 2023-24. This is a significant difference in funding between the universal mainstream provision and targeted specialist provision while the pressure on the latter is most acute.
- 4.3 The current budget forecasts indicate that the High Needs budget is at risk of in-year deficit in 2023-24 and in 2024-25 as the growth in allocation of 2.6% will not support the expected growth of ECHPs of 8%.
- 4.4 The Schools Block is ring-fenced in 2024 to 2025, however local authorities can transfer up to and including 0.5% of their Schools Block funding into another block, with the approval of their Schools Forum. Local authorities wishing to make a transfer should also consult local schools so that their Schools Forum can take these views into account.
- 4.5 Without Schools Forum agreement, or where they wish to transfer more than 0.5% of their Schools Block funding into one or more other blocks, local authorities must submit a disapplication request to the Secretary of State.
- 4.6 Most proposals by local authorities to move funding from their Schools Block arise because of pressures on their high needs budgets.
- 4.7 Two sessions of the Task & Finish Group were held: six members attended the first session on 30 October and eight members attended on 1 November. Officers detailed the challenges facing the High Needs Block and the developing actions to contain and mitigate pressures

including reviewing out-borough and independent places, reviewing the work of the panels, ceasing plans of maturing pupils when appropriate; the Alternative Provision review; and the SEND commissioning review.

- 4.8 Officers made clear that this was a request for a single year 2024-25 only to help mitigate pressures exacerbated by the difference in the funding uplift between the mainstream, universal Schools Block and the targeted specialist provision. Any further request in future years would require more discussion, possibly with a standing sub-group of Schools Forum similar to the previous Inclusion Group.

5. PREVIOUS AND CURRENT TRANSFERS

- 5.1 Schools Forum has agreed transfers from the Schools Block previously: £303,000 in 2020-21 to the High Needs Block as a contribution towards the overall pressures (0.15% of the Schools Block); £55,000 in 2022-23 and 2023-24 to the Early Years Block to support maintained nursery schools with the cost of their rates; and £350,000 in 2023-24, (£150,000 in 2004-25), for SENIF support for Reception age pupils.
- 5.2 The LA did not request a transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in the last three years 2021-22, 2022-23 or 2023-34 while the impact of the new resource ladder and the changes to the old Resource Ladder for mainstream schools were assessed.
- 5.3 The LA intends to consult with schools in the two weeks 20 November to 1 December on proposals to transfer funds from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block in 2024-25. Schools Forum will be asked to decide on the proposals at its December meeting.

6. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 OPTION 1

- 6.1.1 The maximum that could be transferred without further reference to the Secretary of state is £1.19 million (0.5%). Following the agreed transfer for the SENIF in Reception pilot (£150,000) and assuming agreement of the transfer for MNS rates (£55,000), the remaining maximum that could be transferred would be £985,430: 0.41% of the Schools Block or £26.08 per pupil.

- 6.1.2 The three transfers would total £1.19 million, 0.5% of the Schools Block.

6.2 OPTION 2

- 6.2.1 To make the percentage increases on the High Needs Block and Schools Block match would require a transfer of £880,000: 0.37% of the Schools Block or £21.04 per pupil.

- 6.2.2 The three transfers would total £1.085 million, 0.45% of the Schools Block.

6.3 OPTION 3

- 6.3.1 Similar to Option 1: taking into account the agreed transfer for the SENIF in Reception pilot (£150,000) and assuming agreement of the transfer for MNS rates (£55,000) but limiting the total of the transfer to £1 million

rather than the maximum permitted, would require £795,000: 0.33% of the Schools Block or £21.04 per pupil.

6.3.2 The three transfers would total £1.0 million, 0.42% of the Schools Block.

6.4 OPTION 4

6.4.1 A contribution of £15 per pupil would require £566,600: 0.24% of the Schools Block.

6.4.2 The three transfers would total £771,600, 0.32% of the Schools Block.

6.5 OPTION 5

6.5.1 A contribution of £10 per pupil would require: £378,000: 0.16% of the Schools Block.

6.5.2 The three transfers would total £583,000, 0.24% of the Schools Block, just under half the maximum permitted.

6.6 The various options are set out in **Appendix A** and the indicative impact on each school is set out in **Appendix B**. Note these proposals are for 2024-25 only and have been identified in response to the 2.6% increase in the High Needs Block for 2024-25.

6.7 Any further requests for support in 2026-26 will be contingent on the outcomes of the AP and SEND commissioning reviews.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The consultation will invite other options and comments.

TABLE 1: % INCREASES TO SCHOOLS & HIGH NEEDS BLOCKS

Schools Block 2023-24 excluding Growth Fund	£227,662,351
Schools Block 2024-25 excluding Growth Fund	£238,086,104
Increase £	£10,423,753
Increase %	4.6%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928
Increase £	£1,491,137
Increase %	2.6%

TABLE 2: OPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM SCHOOLS BLOCK TO HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

		% of Schools Block	pupils	per pupil	Schools Block Increase	High Need Block Increase	Schools Block Increase £m	High Needs Increase £m
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104	100%	37,785	£6,301.07	4.6%	2.6%	£10.42	£1.49
Maximum that can be transferred	£1,190,431	0.50%		£31.51				
Transferred for SENIF in Reception pilot Year 2	£150,000	0.06%		£3.97				
Keep for transfer for Nursery School NNDR?	£55,000	0.02%		£1.46				
Subtotal other transfers	£205,000	0.09%		£5.43				
Option 1 Remaining maximum that could be transferred	£985,431	0.41%		£26.08	4.15%	4.38%	£9.44	£2.48
Option 2 Make % increases on Blocks Match	£880,000	0.37%		£23.29	4.19%	4.19%	£9.54	£2.37
Option 3 Cap transfers at £1m	£795,000	0.33%		£21.04	4.23%	4.04%	£9.63	£2.29
Option 4 Transfer £15 per pupil	£566,600	0.24%		£15.00	4.33%	3.64%	£9.86	£2.06
Option 5 Transfer £10 per pupil	£378,000	0.16%		£10.00	4.41%	3.31%	£10.05	£1.87

WORKINGS FOR EACH OPTION**OPTION 1 TRANSFER MAXIMUM**

		OPTION 1	REVISED INCREASE
Schools Block 2023-24	£227,662,351		
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104		
Increase £	£10,423,753	-£985,431	£9,438,322
Increase %	4.6%		4.1%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791		
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928	£985,431	£59,001,359
Change	£1,491,137		£2,476,568
	2.6%		4.4%

OPTION 2 MAKE % INCREASES ON BLOCKS MATCH

		OPTION 2	REVISED INCREASE
Schools Block 2023-24	£227,662,351		
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104		
Increase £	£10,423,753	-£880,000	£9,543,753
Increase %	4.6%		4.19%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791		
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928	£880,000	£58,895,928
Change	£1,491,137		£2,371,137
	2.6%		4.19%

OPTION 3 CAP TRANSFERS AT £1M

		OPTION 3	REVISED INCREASE
Schools Block 2023-24	£227,662,351		
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104		
Increase £	£10,423,753	-£795,000	£9,628,753
Increase %	4.6%		4.2%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791		
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928	£795,000	£58,810,928
Change	£1,491,137		£2,286,137
	2.6%		4.0%

OPTION 4 CAP AT £15 PER PUPIL

		OPTION 4	REVISED INCREASE
Schools Block 2023-24	£227,662,351		
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104		
Increase £	£10,423,753	-£566,600	£9,857,153
Increase %	4.6%		4.3%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791		
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928	£566,600	£58,582,528
Change	£1,491,137		£2,057,737
	2.6%		3.6%

OPTION 5 CAP AT £10 PER PUPIL		OPTION 5	REVISED INCREASE
Schools Block 2023-24	£227,662,351		
Schools Block 2024-25	£238,086,104		
Increase £	£10,423,753	-£378,000	£10,045,753
Increase %	4.6%		4.4%
High Needs Block 2023-34	£56,524,791		
High Needs Block 2024-25	£58,015,928	£378,000	£58,393,928
Change	£1,491,137		£1,869,137
	2.6%		3.3%

	OTHER TRANSFERS		OPTION 1	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 4	OPTION 5	OPTION 5
	SENIF in Reception Year 2	Nursery School Rates (NDR)	Remaining Maximum	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Make % increases on Blocks Match	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Cap transfer at £1m	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Transfer £15 per pupil	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Transfer £10 per pupil	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates
Total Transfer	£150,000	£55,000	£985,431	£1,190,431	£880,000	£1,085,000	£795,000	£1,000,000	£566,600	£771,600	£378,000	£583,000
% of Schools Block	0.06%	0.02%	0.41%	0.50%	0.37%	0.46%	0.33%	0.42%	0.24%	0.32%	0.16%	0.24%

School Name	NOR	Per Pupil											
		£3.97	£1.46	£26.08	£31.50	£23.29	£28.71	£21.04	£26.46	£15.00	£20.42	£10.00	£15.43
Chase Lane Primary School	617	£2,449	£898	£16,091	£19,438	£14,369	£17,717	£12,981	£16,329	£9,252	£12,600	£6,172	£9,520
Whitehall Primary School	422	£1,675	£614	£11,005	£13,295	£9,828	£12,118	£8,879	£11,168	£6,328	£8,618	£4,222	£6,511
Downsell Primary School	374	£1,485	£544	£9,754	£11,783	£8,710	£10,739	£7,869	£9,898	£5,608	£7,637	£3,741	£5,770
Newport School	764	£3,033	£1,112	£19,925	£24,070	£17,793	£21,938	£16,074	£20,219	£11,456	£15,601	£7,643	£11,788
Chapel End Infant School and Early Years Centre	209	£830	£304	£5,451	£6,584	£4,867	£6,001	£4,397	£5,531	£3,134	£4,268	£2,091	£3,225
Edinburgh Primary School	294	£1,167	£428	£7,667	£9,262	£6,847	£8,442	£6,186	£7,781	£4,409	£6,004	£2,941	£4,536
Greenleaf Primary School	414	£1,644	£603	£10,797	£13,043	£9,642	£11,888	£8,710	£10,956	£6,208	£8,454	£4,142	£6,388
Handsworth Primary School	416	£1,651	£606	£10,849	£13,106	£9,688	£11,945	£8,752	£11,009	£6,238	£8,495	£4,162	£6,419
Thorpe Hall Primary School	340	£1,350	£495	£8,867	£10,712	£7,918	£9,763	£7,153	£8,998	£5,098	£6,943	£3,401	£5,246
The Winns Primary School	578	£2,295	£841	£15,074	£18,210	£13,461	£16,597	£12,161	£15,297	£8,667	£11,803	£5,782	£8,918
Oakhill Primary School	185	£734	£269	£4,825	£5,828	£4,308	£5,312	£3,892	£4,896	£2,774	£3,778	£1,851	£2,854
Henry Maynard Primary School	752	£2,985	£1,095	£19,612	£23,692	£17,513	£21,593	£15,822	£19,902	£11,277	£15,356	£7,523	£11,603
South Grove Primary School	421	£1,671	£613	£10,979	£13,263	£9,805	£12,089	£8,858	£11,142	£6,313	£8,597	£4,212	£6,496
Dawlish Primary School	177	£703	£258	£4,616	£5,576	£4,122	£5,082	£3,724	£4,684	£2,654	£3,614	£1,771	£2,731
Gwyn Jones Primary School	400	£1,588	£582	£10,432	£12,602	£9,316	£11,486	£8,416	£10,586	£5,998	£8,168	£4,001	£6,172
George Tomlinson Primary School	433	£1,719	£630	£11,292	£13,642	£10,084	£12,433	£9,110	£11,459	£6,493	£8,842	£4,332	£6,681
Mission Grove Primary School	715	£2,838	£1,041	£18,647	£22,526	£16,652	£20,531	£15,043	£18,922	£10,722	£14,601	£7,153	£11,032
Coppermill Primary School	213	£846	£310	£5,555	£6,710	£4,961	£6,116	£4,481	£5,637	£3,194	£4,350	£2,131	£3,286
Stoneydown Park School	547	£2,171	£796	£14,265	£17,233	£12,739	£15,707	£11,509	£14,476	£8,202	£11,170	£5,472	£8,440
Parkside Primary School	620	£2,461	£902	£16,169	£19,533	£14,439	£17,803	£13,045	£16,408	£9,297	£12,661	£6,202	£9,566
The Jenny Hammond Primary School	410	£1,628	£597	£10,692	£12,917	£9,549	£11,773	£8,626	£10,851	£6,148	£8,373	£4,102	£6,326
Ainslie Wood Primary School	403	£1,600	£587	£10,510	£12,696	£9,385	£11,572	£8,479	£10,665	£6,043	£8,230	£4,031	£6,218
Barn Croft Primary School	196	£778	£285	£5,112	£6,175	£4,565	£5,628	£4,124	£5,187	£2,939	£4,002	£1,961	£3,024
Chingford CofE Primary School	417	£1,655	£607	£10,875	£13,137	£9,712	£11,974	£8,773	£11,036	£6,253	£8,515	£4,172	£6,434
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	213	£846	£310	£5,555	£6,710	£4,961	£6,116	£4,481	£5,637	£3,194	£4,350	£2,131	£3,286
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	141	£560	£205	£3,677	£4,442	£3,284	£4,049	£2,967	£3,732	£2,114	£2,879	£1,411	£2,176
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School	126	£500	£183	£3,286	£3,970	£2,934	£3,618	£2,651	£3,335	£1,889	£2,573	£1,260	£1,944
Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School	326	£1,294	£475	£8,502	£10,271	£7,592	£9,361	£6,859	£8,628	£4,888	£6,657	£3,261	£5,030
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	372	£1,477	£541	£9,701	£11,720	£8,664	£10,682	£7,827	£9,845	£5,578	£7,597	£3,721	£5,740
Frederick Bremer School	894	£3,549	£1,301	£23,315	£28,165	£20,820	£25,671	£18,809	£23,660	£13,406	£18,256	£8,943	£13,794
Heathcote School & Science College	887	£3,521	£1,291	£23,132	£27,945	£20,657	£25,470	£18,662	£23,474	£13,301	£18,113	£8,873	£13,686
Willowfield School	938	£3,724	£1,365	£24,462	£29,551	£21,845	£26,934	£19,735	£24,824	£14,066	£19,155	£9,383	£14,473
Leytonstone School	1,002	£3,978	£1,459	£26,131	£31,568	£23,336	£28,772	£21,082	£26,518	£15,025	£20,462	£10,024	£15,460
Walthamstow School for Girls	898	£3,565	£1,307	£23,419	£28,291	£20,914	£25,786	£18,894	£23,766	£13,466	£18,338	£8,983	£13,855
Kelmscott School	969	£3,847	£1,410	£25,271	£30,528	£22,567	£27,824	£20,387	£25,645	£14,531	£19,788	£9,694	£14,951
Holy Family Catholic School	975	£3,871	£1,419	£25,427	£30,717	£22,707	£27,997	£20,514	£25,803	£14,620	£19,910	£9,754	£15,043
Buxton School	1,190	£4,724	£1,732	£31,034	£37,491	£27,714	£34,170	£25,037	£31,493	£17,844	£24,301	£11,904	£18,361
Lime Academy Larkwood	589	£2,338	£857	£15,361	£18,556	£13,717	£16,913	£12,392	£15,588	£8,832	£12,028	£5,892	£9,088
Yardley Primary School	422	£1,675	£614	£11,005	£13,295	£9,828	£12,118	£8,879	£11,168	£6,328	£8,618	£4,222	£6,511
Davies Lane Primary School	834	£3,311	£1,214	£21,750	£26,275	£19,423	£23,948	£17,547	£22,072	£12,506	£17,031	£8,343	£12,868
Hillyfield Primary Academy	1,174	£4,661	£1,709	£30,617	£36,986	£27,341	£33,711	£24,700	£31,070	£17,605	£23,974	£11,744	£18,114
Emmanuel Community School	183	£726	£266	£4,773	£5,765	£4,262	£5,255	£3,850	£4,843	£2,744	£3,737	£1,831	£2,824
Willow Brook Primary School Academy	586	£2,326	£853	£15,282	£18,462	£13,647	£16,827	£12,329	£15,508	£8,787	£11,967	£5,862	£9,041
The Woodside Primary Academy	1,046	£4,152	£1,523	£27,279	£32,954	£24,360	£30,035	£22,007	£27,682	£15,685	£21,360	£10,464	£16,139
Chapel End Junior Academy	281	£1,116	£409	£7,328	£8,853	£6,544	£8,069	£5,912	£7,437	£4,214	£5,738	£2,811	£4,336

	OTHER TRANSFERS		OPTION 1	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 4	OPTION 5	OPTION 5
	SENIF in Reception Year 2	Nursery School Rates (NNDR)	Remaining Maximum	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Make % increases on Blocks Match	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Cap transfer at £1m	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Transfer £15 per pupil	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates	Transfer £10 per pupil	TOTAL including SENIF & MNS Rates
	£150,000	£55,000	£985,431	£1,190,431	£880,000	£1,085,000	£795,000	£1,000,000	£566,600	£771,600	£378,000	£583,000
Total Transfer	0.06%	0.02%	0.41%	0.50%	0.37%	0.46%	0.33%	0.42%	0.24%	0.32%	0.16%	0.24%

School Name	NOR	Per Pupil											
		£3.97	£1.46	£26.08	£31.50	£23.29	£28.71	£21.04	£26.46	£15.00	£20.42	£10.00	£15.43
		Riverley Primary School	409	£1,624	£595	£10,666	£12,885	£9,525	£11,744	£8,605	£10,824	£6,133	£8,352
Sybourn Primary School	495	£1,965	£721	£12,909	£15,595	£11,528	£14,214	£10,415	£13,100	£7,423	£10,108	£4,952	£7,637
Thomas Gamuel Primary School	339	£1,346	£493	£8,841	£10,680	£7,895	£9,734	£7,132	£8,972	£5,083	£6,923	£3,391	£5,230
Walthamstow Primary Academy	178	£707	£259	£4,642	£5,608	£4,145	£5,111	£3,745	£4,711	£2,669	£3,635	£1,781	£2,746
Roger Ascham Primary School	397	£1,576	£578	£10,353	£12,507	£9,246	£11,400	£8,353	£10,507	£5,953	£8,107	£3,971	£6,125
Longshaw Primary Academy	230	£913	£335	£5,998	£7,246	£5,356	£6,604	£4,839	£6,087	£3,449	£4,697	£2,301	£3,549
Salisbury Manor Primary School	301	£1,195	£438	£7,850	£9,483	£7,010	£8,643	£6,333	£7,966	£4,514	£6,147	£3,011	£4,644
Woodford Green Primary School	193	£766	£281	£5,033	£6,080	£4,495	£5,542	£4,061	£5,108	£2,894	£3,941	£1,931	£2,978
Whittingham Primary Academy	379	£1,505	£552	£9,884	£11,940	£8,827	£10,883	£7,974	£10,030	£5,683	£7,739	£3,791	£5,848
Mayville Primary School	326	£1,294	£475	£8,502	£10,271	£7,592	£9,361	£6,859	£8,628	£4,888	£6,657	£3,261	£5,030
St Saviour's Church of England Primary School	329	£1,306	£479	£8,580	£10,365	£7,662	£9,447	£6,922	£8,707	£4,933	£6,718	£3,291	£5,076
St Mary's CofE Primary School	566	£2,247	£824	£14,761	£17,832	£13,182	£16,252	£11,908	£14,979	£8,487	£11,558	£5,662	£8,733
Barclay Primary School	1,215	£4,823	£1,769	£31,686	£38,278	£28,296	£34,888	£25,563	£32,155	£18,219	£24,811	£12,155	£18,746
Selwyn Primary School	594	£2,358	£865	£15,491	£18,714	£13,834	£17,056	£12,497	£15,720	£8,907	£12,130	£5,942	£9,165
South Chingford Foundation School	550	£2,183	£801	£14,344	£17,328	£12,809	£15,793	£11,572	£14,556	£8,247	£11,231	£5,502	£8,486
Eden Girls' School Waltham Forest	613	£2,434	£892	£15,987	£19,312	£14,276	£17,602	£12,897	£16,223	£9,192	£12,518	£6,132	£9,458
Connaught School for Girls	620	£2,461	£902	£16,169	£19,533	£14,439	£17,803	£13,045	£16,408	£9,297	£12,661	£6,202	£9,566
Norlington School and 6th Form	737	£2,926	£1,073	£19,220	£23,219	£17,164	£21,163	£15,506	£19,505	£11,052	£15,050	£7,373	£11,371
Lammas School and Sixth Form	660	£2,620	£961	£17,212	£20,793	£15,371	£18,952	£13,886	£17,467	£9,897	£13,478	£6,602	£10,183
Highams Park School	1,198	£4,756	£1,744	£31,243	£37,743	£27,900	£34,400	£25,205	£31,705	£17,964	£24,464	£11,984	£18,484
Chingford Foundation School	1,231	£4,887	£1,792	£32,104	£38,782	£28,669	£35,348	£25,900	£32,578	£18,459	£25,138	£12,315	£18,993
Walthamstow Academy	887	£3,521	£1,291	£23,132	£27,945	£20,657	£25,470	£18,662	£23,474	£13,301	£18,113	£8,873	£13,686
George Mitchell School	976	£3,875	£1,421	£25,453	£30,749	£22,730	£28,025	£20,535	£25,830	£14,635	£19,931	£9,764	£15,059