

**Government Funding – Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)**

<u>2017/18 Schools Funding</u>	£m
DSG Schools Block	112.568
ESG retained duties	(0.410)
Maintained for Central Spend	<u>(1.546)</u>
	110.612
Retained for School Growth (Note a)	(1.150)
Transferred to High Needs (Note b)	(0.822)
Distributed to Schools	108.640

Notes

- a) Whilst known growth has been built into the allocations, future growth funding will be allocated to schools in year where the school has been requested by the LA to open an additional class in the academic year due to pupil demand. This funding is not allocated for general in year pupil movement. A growth policy has been approved by the DfE and any remaining balance at the end of the year must be returned to the Schools block.
- b) This funding has been transferred to the High Needs block with agreement from the Schools' Forum to support funding for continuing pressures within the High Needs block and is likely to fund additional costs of Independent and Special School placements.

<u>2017/18 Estimated High Needs Block Spend</u>	£m
Special Schools	6.800
Resource provisions	3.200
Independent/ Non Maintained Special School	3.600
Pupil Referral Unit/Alternative provision	2.800
Schools additional needs top up	3.450
SEN Transport	1.200
Post 16 additional needs top up	700
Total	21.750

Early Years Block Spend

2017/18 sees the move to a national funding formula for early years provision and some additional funding has been allocated to support pressures in the market. A Thurrock consultation took place during January to seek opinions on how this would be best passed to providers.

3 and 4 year Old Provision

The majority of the Early Years block spend will fund the free 15 hour per week, 38 week placements for 3 and 4 year olds delivered at either a school, Private,

Voluntary or Independent early years setting. This is adjusted mid-year based on the average of the last two January counts. For September there will be the addition of 30 hours funded places available for working families, where both parents work (or one parent in a single parent family) over 16 hours and have a joint income of less than £100,000.

2 Year Old Provision

2 year old provision is funded at a higher rate as is only available to pupils in lower income households. Funding will all be allocated to providers to deliver the 15 hours, 38 week provision and is allocated to the Authority based on participation. This funding is subject to the normal DSG conditions.

<u>2017/18 Estimated Early Years Block Spend</u>	£m
15 Hour 3 and 4 Year Old Provision	7.600
2 Year Old Provision	1.970
Extended 30 Hours Provision	1.100
Central Early Years Costs	560
Total	11.230