

A) Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Allocation

Dedicated schools grant: 2021 to 2022 allocations local authority summary		2021 to 2022 DSG allocations, before recoupment and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)				
		Schools block (£s)	Central school services block (£s)	High needs block (£s)	Early years block (£s)	Total DSG allocation (£s)
351	Bury 2021/22	139,599,047	952,016	36,308,286	14,064,264	190,923,613
	2020/21	129,939,963	773,555	33,058,891	13,868,776	177,641,185
	Variance £	9,659,084	178,461	3,249,395	195,488	13,282,428
	Variance %	7.4%	23.1%	9.8%	1.4%	7.5%

Variation to Indicative DSG allocation presented to Forum in October 2020, which was based on October 2019 pupil numbers

- Pupil numbers have now been validated from the October 2020 pupil census as follows:

Sector	October 2019	October 2020	Variance	Unit £	Variance £
Primary	16,586	16,374	-212	4,471.16	-947,886
Secondary	11,239	11,264	25	5,749.36	143,734
Total	27,825	27,638	-187		-804,152

- Growth and Falling Rolls funding was excluded from the DfE indicative allocations, subject to determining October 2020 pupil numbers, the revised allocation, taking into account reduced pupil numbers and forecasts for 2021/22 is confirmed within the total Schools Block allocation as:

Growth & Falling Rolls	2020/21	2021/22	Variance
Total £	552,153	318,625	-233,528

B) Formula Funding Unit Values:

In accordance with the transition to the National Funding Formula (NFF), and as recommended by Schools' Forum, the formula unit values for distributing the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools Block allocations for in respect to mainstream schools and academies for 2021/22 is confirmed as follows:

Factor	Sub-level	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Variance to 2020/21	% Variance	Teachers Pay & Pensions	Uplift	% Excluding Pay & Pensions
Basic Entitlement - Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary	2,857	3,123	266	9%	180	86	3.0%
	Key Stage 3	4,018	4,404	386	10%	265	121	3.0%
	Key Stage 4	4,561	4,963	402	9%	265	137	3.0%
Deprivation								
Free School Meals - Ever 6	Primary FSM	560	575	15	3%			3%
	Secondary FSM	815	840	25	3%			3%
Free School Meals	Primary FSM	450	460	10	2%			2%
	Secondary FSM	450	460	10	2%			2%
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) Primary	IDACI F	210	215	5	2%			2%
	IDACI E	250	260	10	4%			4%
	IDACI D	375	410	35	9%			9%
	IDACI C	405	445	40	10%			10%
	IDACI B	435	475	40	9%			9%
	IDACI A	600	620	20	3%			3%
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) Secondary	IDACI F	300	310	10	3%			3%
	IDACI E	405	415	10	2%			2%
	IDACI D	535	580	45	8%			8%
	IDACI C	580	630	50	9%			9%
	IDACI B	625	680	55	9%			9%
	IDACI A	840	865	25	3%			3%
Additional Education Needs Factors								
Low cost, high incidence SEN – Low Prior Attainment	Primary	1,065	1095	30	3%			3%
	Secondary	1,610	1660	50	3%			3%
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	Primary	535	550	15	3%			3%
	Secondary	1,440	1485	45	3%			3%
Mobility	Primary	875	900	25	3%			3%
	Secondary	1,250	1290	40	3%			3%
School-Led Factors								
Lump Sum - 2021/22 is the final year of the agreed phased transition for the Primary Lump Sum to mirror the NFF Lump Sum.	Primary	120,000	117,800	-2,200	-1.8%			-1.8%
	Secondary	114,400	117,800	3,400	3%			3%

The financial impact of the 2021/22 recommended formula unit values is shown below:

Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma								
LA Name:	Bury							
LA Number:	351							
	Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level				
	£4,180	£5,215.00	£5,715.00	£5,415.00				
Pupil Led Factors								
	Reception uplift	Yes	Pupil Units		23.00			
	Description	Amount per pupil		Pupil Units		Sub Total	Total	pre MFG funding (%)
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary (Years R-6)	£3,123.00		16,400.00		£51,217,200	£103,424,520	36.93%
	Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	£4,404.00		6,878.00		£30,290,712		21.84%
	Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	£4,963.00		4,416.00		£21,916,608		15.80%
	Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion Primary	Eligible proportion Secondary	Sub Total	Total	pre MFG funding (%)
2) Deprivation	FSM	£460.00	£460.00	3,410.86	2,182.70	£2,573,036	£12,858,928	9.27%
	FSM6	£575.00	£840.00	3,662.24	2,897.18	£4,539,416		
	IDACI Band F	£215.00	£310.00	1,408.23	1,002.30	£613,482		
	IDACI Band E	£260.00	£415.00	2,777.87	1,923.63	£1,520,552		
	IDACI Band D	£410.00	£580.00	1,060.23	661.52	£818,377		
	IDACI Band C	£445.00	£630.00	1,807.92	1,208.28	£1,565,741		
	IDACI Band B	£475.00	£680.00	609.54	453.05	£597,605		
	IDACI Band A	£620.00	£865.00	504.81	367.33	£630,718		
3) Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC March 19	£0.00		191.23		£0	£1,316,565	0.00%
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)	EAL 3 Primary	£550.00		1,661.53		£913,842		0.92%
	EAL 3 Secondary		£1,485.00		242.97	£360,814		0.03%
5) Mobility	Pupils starting school outside normal entry dates	£900.00	£1,290.00	46.57	0.00	£41,910	£9,498,821	6.85%
6) Low prior attainment	Primary low prior attainment		£1,095.00	30.02%	4,922.93	£5,390,611		
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	64.53%		22.80%				
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	63.59%		22.51%				
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	58.05%	£1,660.00	20.52%	2,474.83	£4,108,210		
	Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	48.02%		17.07%				
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)			43.14%					
Other Factors								
Factor		Lump Sum Primary (£)	Lump Sum Secondary (£)	Lump Sum Middle (£)	Lump Sum All-through (£)	Total (£)	pre MFG funding (%)	
7) Lump Sum		£117,800.00	£117,800.00			£9,070,600	6.54%	
11) Rates						£1,248,873	0.90%	
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)						£137,418,307	99.07%	
14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level						£1,286,606	0.93%	
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)						£138,704,913	100.00%	
15) Minimum Funding Guarantee					2.00%	£320,905		
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)						No		
						Total (£)	Total funding (%)	
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)						£320,905	0.23%	
Total Funding for Schools Block Formula						£139,025,818		
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement						74.56%		
% Pupil Led Funding						91.63%		
Primary: Secondary Ratio						1 :	1.29	

The analysis by sector indicates the following:

Sector	2021/22	2020/21	Variance	% Variance
Primary	73,653,905	69,212,313	4,441,592	6.62%
Secondary	65,371,913	60,324,990	5,046,922	8.37%
Total	139,025,818	129,537,304	9,488,514	7.32%

C) Minimum per-pupil Funding Level (MFL)

As part of the levelling-up of schools per-pupil funding the Government have specified minimum levels of funding per pupil that all schools must receive through the formula allocation. If, for any reason, a schools' formula does not provide sufficient to meet the MFL then their budgets are topped up to guarantee they can achieve the minimum funding requirement.

The MFL has been introduced as part of the National Funding Formula (NFF) as follows:

Sector	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22 Inc Teachers Pay/Pension
	£	£	£	£	£
Primary	3,300	3,500	3,750	4,000	4,180
Secondary	4,600	4,800	5,000	5,150	5,415

In order to ensure the addition of the Teachers Pay and Pensions grants into the per-pupil funding formula does not disadvantage any school that would require the MFL protection, the equivalent amounts have been added to the MFL to be used in all formula budget determinations by Local Authorities and is included in the validations of the Authority Pro-Forma Tool (APT) to be submitted for 2021/22.

The MFL provides increased funding totalling £1,286,6060 for 21 schools/academies in 2021/22

D) Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

MFG provides an additional protection that is designed to mitigate excessive turbulence in per-pupil funding from one year to the next. Schools' Forum have recommended the MFG is set at 2.00% for 2021/22, thus ensuring no schools/academies will see a reduction in their per-pupil funding by more than 2% per pupil when compared to 2020/21. This protection has supported 27 schools/academies in 2021/22 with funding totalling £320,905

E) Schools Block Transfer

Regulations allow for Local Authorities, with the approval of their Schools' Forum, to transfer up to 0.5% (half a percent) from the Schools Block to support pressures in other DSG block areas. Any request to transfer an amount greater than 0.5% is subject to a separate 'dis-application' submission that requires the approval of the Secretary of State.

Predominantly most proposals to move funding arise a result of pressures being faced within the High Needs Block.

The regulations have been updated for 2021/22 to ensure any proportion of funding in respect to the transfer of Teachers Pay and Pensions grant into the Schools Block is not considered in any block movements calculations.

Based on the 2021/22 Schools Block allocation, the calculation of the amount that Bury could transfer from the Schools Block is therefore:

A	Schools Block	139,599,047
B	Pension/Pay %	4.33%
C	Growth	318,625
D	Premises	1,311,091
(A x (1 - B) + C + D) x 0.005	Transfer Baseline	675,921
	Transfer as %	0.5%

Taking all formula factor updates and funding protections into account in accordance with the National Funding Formula framework, there is a small balance of Schools Block DSG available to transfer, with Schools' Forum approval. This is determined as follows:

A	Schools Block	139,599,047
B	Growth	318,625
C	Delegated Funding	139,025,818
(A - B - C)	Transfer Available	254,604
	Transfer as %	0.2%
	Variance to Baseline	-421,316

RECOMMENDATION

Schools' Forum recommends the transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block of £254,604.

This support and contribution will be recognised and acknowledged in the DfE DSG Safety Valve Recovery Project Management Plan

F) Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

Introduced in 2018/19 to be used for former Education Services Grant (ESG) functions such as Education Welfare, Ongoing Responsibilities such as Admissions and Historical Commitments which for Bury is the Safeguarding in Schools Officer.

The CSSB DSG allocation has been derived from the former ESG funding allocation plus budgets previously identified under the Central Spend area of the DSG. The CSSB continues to provide funding direct to the Local Authority to enable it to carry out central functions on behalf of all Maintained Schools and Academies.

The table below indicates the breakdown of areas covered under this block. For 2021/22 the DfE have increased the allocation for inflation and Teachers Pay and Pension Grants in respect to any centrally employed teachers.

Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	2020/21	2021/22
Section 251 – Central Provision		
1.4.1 Combined Budgets Historical Commitment – Safeguarding in Schools Officer	£41,000	£46,000
1.4.2 Admissions	£172,000	£172,000
1.4.3 Schools' Forum	£17,000	£17,000
1.4.8 Independent Fees – Non SEN	£0	£0
1.4.14 National Copyright Licences	£144,000	£145,121
Section 251 - Former ESG Services		
1.5.1 Education Welfare	£325,000	£325,000
1.5.2 Asset Management	£75,000	£75,000
1.5.3 Statutory / Regulatory	£0	£27,351
Teachers Pay and Pension Grant	£0	£144,544
Total Central School Services Block (CSSB)	£774,000	£952,016
CSSB DSG Allocation	£774,000	£952,016

Notes:

In respect to Safeguarding in Schools Officer, the costs have increased in 2021/22 due to the appointment of a new officer on a full-time basis, whereas the previous postholder was part-time.

National Copyright Licences charge from the DfE has slightly increased.

Proposing that all other budgets are not adjusted, there is a balance of £27,351.

In accordance with CSSB Operational Guidance, a contribution can be made to LA functions supporting all schools and academies, including: Director of Children's Services, Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE), Internal Audit, Planning for Education as a whole... It is proposed that £27,351 is added to Statutory / Regulatory for 2021/22

RECOMMENDATION:

Schools' Forum recommends the CSSB as outlined

G) Early Years

All Early Years settings, whether Maintained Nursery School/Classes, Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) or Childminders delivering early education entitlements are funded according to the Early Years National Funding Formula (EYFF).

The formula is primarily driven by Hourly rates for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and the mandatory Deprivation factor. Additional funding is provided to individual settings based on the eligibility of their pupils for Early Years Pupil Premium Grant (EYPPG), Disability Access Fund (DAF) and the Maintained Nursery School (MNS) supplement for Hoyle only.

The allocation of the Early Years Block of the DSG is subject to a statutory 'Pass-Through' of 95% which means no more than 5% of the funding may be retained by the Local Authority. The retained element of funding is held in contingency in order to enable in-year adjustments to funding allocations for changes in headcounts and hours of participation, provides the Early Years Inclusion Fund to support SEND requirements in all settings, and contributes to the central functions associated with ensuring the EYNFF is administered effectively, which includes the duties required in order to operate the funding mechanism and allocations, sufficiency, quality assurance and advisory services, together with ensuring all eligibility checking is able to be undertaken centrally for all early years pupils.

For 2021/22 the hourly rates determinations have been increased nationally according to the Treasury assumptions on inflation. The notified increases are 8 pence per-hour for 2 year olds and 6 pence per-hour for 3 and 4 year olds. To ensure the full increase to hourly rates provided by the DfE are passed through to settings the LA will not increase any retained element of funding.

The Hourly Rates are subject to approval by Schools' Forum and will be applied to the EYNFF with effect from 1 April 2021. The Hourly Rates are as follows:

Age	2020/21	2021/22	Increase	Increase %
2 Year Olds	£5.28	£5.36	£0.08	1.5%
3 & 4 Year Olds	£4.18	£4.24	£0.06	1.4%

RECOMMENDATION:

Schools' Forum approve the early years hourly rates as outlined

The other funding unit values for early years remain unchanged as follows:

- Early Years Pupil Premium @ £0.53 per-hour
- Disability Access Fund @ £615 per eligible pupil

Funded Headcounts

Due to the current pandemic situation, early years settings have been protected by ensuring funded headcounts have been based on pre-Covid census data. For 2021/22 the DfE guidance is to revert back to actual headcounts as at January 2021 and an alternative protected funding model is to be introduced. The details are awaited and all early years settings will be informed as soon as practically possible of the impact of the new calculation when known.

H) High Needs

The high needs funding system supports provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25, enabling both local authorities and institutions to meet their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014. High needs funding is also intended to support good quality AP for pre-16 pupils who, because of exclusion, illness, or other reasons, cannot receive their education in mainstream or special schools. The high needs funding block provides local authorities with resources for place funding and top-up funding for institutions, and funding for high needs services delivered directly by the local authority.

For 2021/22 the High Needs Block includes the Teachers Pay and Pensions Grant allocation which is required to be added to the Special School and Pupil Referral Unit funding, with mechanisms in place to ensure this increase is not in any way offset through reductions in top-up funding. Based on the level of grant the DfE have determined an additional £660 per place must be added per place.

Special Schools

A banded funded model is in place for Bury's Special schools which is linked to moderated assessments of SEND in accordance with the graduated approach and criteria included in the SEND Code of Practice. The banded model and values for 2021/22 are outlined as follows:

Bandings	A	B	C	D	D +
Statutory Place Funding	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Weighting	1	1.25	1.5	2	4
Top Up Value (Millwood, Elms Bank) £	10,000	12,500	15,000	20,000	40,000
Top Up Value (Cloughside) £	-	-	11,200	25,500	-
Teachers Pay and Pension Grant	660	660	660	660	660
Total (Millwood, Elms Bank) per place £	20,660	23,160	25,660	30,660	50,660
Total (Cloughside) per place £	-	-	21,860	36,160	-

Note: Due to the different nature of the provision the weighting for Cloughside is based on funding analysis

RECOMMENDATION:

Schools' Forum approve the Special School Place Funding values for 2021/22 as outlined

Pupil Referral Unit

Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) are funded on the same basis as special school in respect to a Place and Top-up funding model. PRUs are also required to receive increased funding for 2021/22 in respect to the Teachers Pay and Pension grant transfer into the High Needs Block.

Bury's PRU funding per place for 2021/22 is outlined as follows:

Statutory Place Funding	10,000
Top Up Value £	10,000
Teachers Pay and Pension Grant	660
Total Funding: Place + Top Up £	20,660

RECOMMENDATION:

Schools' Forum approve the PRU Place Funding value for 2021/22 as outlined above

I) PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT (PPG)

The Government have announced that the PPG unit values in respect to Deprivation, Looked After Children (LAC), former LAC (Post-LAC) and Service Children will remain unchanged for 2021/22. The only change to note is that From April 2021, Pupil Premium allocations will be calculated based on the number of eligible pupils recorded by schools in their census in October 2020, previously it has been based on the January census each year.

The PPG unit values for 2021/22 are, (for information only):

PPG Factor	Primary £	Secondary £
Deprivation (Free School Meals)	1,345	955
Looked After Children / Post-LAC	2,345	2,345
Service Children	310	310