

MINUTES

Title of Meeting:	School's Forum High Needs Working Group	
Purpose or Mandate:	To oversee the HNB of the DSG	
Date:	17 March 2021	
Place:	Microsoft Teams	
Times:	3.30-4:15pm	
Attendees:	<p>Gemma Morgan (Chair)</p> <p>Michael Quinton</p> <p>Allison Coleman</p> <p>Graham Alcock</p> <p>Sally Garrett</p> <p>Sarah Wood</p> <p>Chris Komodromos</p> <p>Ashlee Jacobs</p> <p>Jan Hatchell</p> <p>Jacqui Frost</p> <p>Abbie Thorrrington</p> <p>Lisa Jones</p> <p>Steve Newman</p> <p>Joy Settle</p> <p>Samantha Porter</p> <p>Helen Murray</p> <p>Claire Willis</p> <p>Sue Prickett</p>	<p>Head of SEND Funding and Provider Services, SCC</p> <p>Schools Funding Policy Manager SCC</p> <p>Governor, Federation of Fairfield and Colneis Schools</p> <p>Headteacher, Chalk Hill PRU</p> <p>Headteacher, Ashley School</p> <p>Headteacher, Waldringfield Primary School</p> <p>Headteacher, Churchill School</p> <p>Raedwald Trust</p> <p>Headteacher, Riverwalk School</p> <p>SPHA</p> <p>Ipswich Academy</p> <p>Consortium Multi-Academy Trust</p> <p>SEND Policy and Funding Manager, SCC</p> <p>High Needs Funding Moderation Lead, SCC</p> <p>Whitehouse</p> <p>Wickham Market Primary School</p> <p>Headteacher, Murrayfield Primary School</p> <p>Chief Finance and Operations Officer, SENDAT</p>

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1 Welcome & introductions	Apologies: Samantha Porter, Allison Coleman, John Shanahan, Lisa Jones, George Ellis, Sue Prickett, Michael Quinton.	
2 Additional Funding (Supplementary Grant)	<p>GM explained that a section of the paper is to agree the amount per head from additional funding from DfE. Additional funding has got to be used for HNF in mainstream, specials and PRU's. If all the funding is used on supplementing special schools, then top-up funding would need to be reduced.</p> <p>900 requests for new bands and another 600 in spring term. Band I request from specialist have gone up by 42 to 73 (approx.) in the Autumn term. The growth in requests is extraordinary.</p> <p>Secretary of Education has been written too but there has not</p>	

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	<p>been a response yet, should we wait for guidance as they have not given same guidance for this additional funding unlike for mainstream settings.</p> <p>Other Local Authorities are doing different things with the additional funding.</p>	
3 Targeted Support	Targeted Support is the amount of money we give mainstream schools who have disproportionate number of children with High Needs Funding. The LA supplement schools with targeted support funding. However, we can't pay more high needs funding and pay the targeted support as the schools are getting double the funding. Currently no policy around targeted support so LA needs to look at calculations on how to help without overfunding.	
4 Schools Forum Paper	The increase in Band I requests has been added into the paper. GM explained that this has had an effect on the overspend which is over £6m for this year.	
5 AOB		

Future Meeting Dates (2022)	
High Needs Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 12 May, 15:30 to 17:00 Thursday 8 September, 15:30 to 17:00 Thursday 11 October, 15:30 to 17:00 	Schools Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 28 April Thursday 23 June Thursday 13 October Tuesday 22 November