SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

SUBJECT:	Falling Rolls Fund 2022/23

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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report summarises the disbursements from the 2021/22 falling rolls fund and invites the forum to decide whether the fund should be amended in 2022/23

FOR:	Decision and Information
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1 Background

- 1.1 In 2020/21 a falling rolls fund was created for Kent schools and academies in order to protect schools who have a falling roll and meet a number of criteria, primarily, evidence that the places will again be needed within the medium term.
- 1.2 The continuation of this fund is subject to annual review and decision by the Forum.
- 1.3 The paper considered by the Forum in November 2019 detailing this fund can be found using the following <u>link</u>.
- 1.4 The falling rolls fund has not been included in the recent schools funding consultation as the forum has already indicated that this fund should continue although the amount of funding set aside for this purpose does need reconsideration.

2. Eligibility Summary

Primary	Secondary				
Must be judged good or outstanding					
Must have fewer than 420 pupils (Oct census)	Must have fewer than 550 pupils (excluding 6 th form, Oct census)				
Pupils must have dropped between latest Oct census and the previous years' Oct census	School normally offers more than 550				
Average number of pupils per class has fallen below 25					
Planning data shows places are required in next 3 years, along with assurance from AEO					
Excludes schools in receipt of pupil protection through other funds					
MFG will be deducted					
Reviewed annually					
Need to complete Curriculum Funding Model					

3. Summary of 2020/21 Disbursements

April to August Payments from previous year allocations	To be paid next financial year	21/22 Payments	
School Name Sunny Bank Primary School Pilgrims' Way Primary School Selling CEP School Sheldwich Primary School High Weald Academy, The Lenham School, The Orchards Academy Hayesbrook School, The	£44,287 £2,383 £22,634 £20,251 £10,721 £255,599 £4,819 £6,024 £123,927 £490,645		£44,287 £2,383 £22,634 £20,251 £10,721 £255,599 £4,819 £6,024 £123,927
Primary Allocations Ellington Infant School Christ Church Church of England Junior School, Ramsgate St Peter's Catholic Primary School Leeds and Broomfield Church of England Primary School Ulcombe Church of England Primary School	£34,025 £6,186 £3,093 £21,652 £9,280 £74,236	£2,578 £1,289	
Secondary Allocations			
Orchards Academy The Hayesbrook School	£12,600 <u>£309,400</u> £322,000	£5,250 £128,917	
	£886,882	£138,033	£748,848

5 Decision

• In light of the current allocations would it be appropriate to reduce the level of funding for next year's fund to £1m.