

ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR SCHOOLS 2012-2013: CONDITIONS OF GRANT

1. The Additional Grant for Schools (AGS) 2012-2013 will be paid pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Act 2002. In accordance with Section 16 of that Act the Secretary of State lays down the following terms and conditions on which assistance is given in relation to the AGS payable to the Authority for the financial year beginning 1 April 2012.

Purpose of the grant

2. The AGS for 2012-2013 comprises of funding to be made available to specific schools, identified at Annex A, to enable them to support one or more of the following initiatives:

- Release of PE Teachers – *the funding should allow the release from timetable of one PE teacher in every school with secondary aged pupils (in the age range 12-16) for one day a week to work with local primary schools to increase opportunities in competitive sport.*
- Maths Specialist Teachers (MaST) – *the funding should allow the release from timetable of MaST trainees to attend local meetings.*
- New Opportunities programme: Advanced Skilled Teachers (ASTs) / Excellent Teachers (ETs) - *The Department's share of agreed funding for schools participating in the programme with AST/ET posts.*

Basis of allocation

3. The allocations for each eligible school in the authority are set out on the accompanying spreadsheet. This will include eligible schools that were maintained schools at the end of Summer Term 2012. Schools that were Academies by the end of the Summer Term 2012 will receive their AGS directly from the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

4. Authorities should not pay AGS to Academies that have converted as at the end of the Summer Term 2012, as they will receive their AGS directly from EFA. Mainstream schools as at the end of the Summer Term 2012 should be paid their full allocation, as set out in the accompanying spreadsheet, by the local authority.

5. The grant must be made available irrespective of the existence of any deficit relating to the expenditure of the school's budget share. AGS is not part of schools' budget shares and is not part of the Individual Schools Budget. It is not to be counted for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Funding Guarantee.

Terms on which AGS is allocated to schools

6. The grant may be spent by maintained schools for the purposes of the school; that is to say for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school, or for the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools; and

on community facilities ie services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated.

7. The grant does not have to be completely spent by schools in the financial year beginning 1 April 2012; some or all of it may be carried forward to future financial years.

Payment arrangements

8. The allocation for the grant is set out on the accompanying spreadsheet. The grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Authority, as a single payment, on 5 October 2012.

Certification

9. Local authorities will be required to complete and return a form to certify that they have passed on the correct amount of funding to their schools, in line with the 2012-2013 conditions of grant. The form, which must be certified by the Chief Finance Officer, will be sent in due course.

10. The Authority on reasonable notice, without charge, will permit any official or officials of the Department, the National Audit Office or their nominees, during usual business hours, to visit its premises and/or inspect any of its activities and/or examine and take copies of the recipient's books of account and such other documents or records as in such officials' reasonable opinion may relate to the use and execution of the grant activities and grant funding.

11. The Comptroller and Auditor General may, pursuant to Section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983, carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the recipient has used its resources in discharging its grant-aided activities.

Variation

12. The basis for allocation of grant may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above, if so requested by the Authority.

Overpayments

13. Any overpayment of grant shall be repaid by the Authority to the Secretary of State.

Other conditions

14. If the Authority does not comply with any of the conditions and requirements specified, the Secretary of State may by notice in writing require the recipient to repay all or any part of the grant paid to it.

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