Summer schools funding: conditions of grant 2015 to 2016

Introduction

1. Summer schools grant 2015 to 2016 will be paid pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Act 2002, and 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 summer schools grant payable to the Authority for the financial year beginning 1 April 2015.

Basis of allocations to local authorities

2. The Department has made a provisional allocation for each local authority’s summer schools funding. A schedule of schools taking part in the programme in each local authority is set out on the accompanying spreadsheet. The allocations will be based on £250 per eligible pupil per week identified by each participating secondary school that will run a summer school.

3. Summer schools funding allocations will be adjusted in October 2015 when schools submit confirmation that the summer schools took place and the number of eligible pupils who confirmed they would attend.

Allocating to mainstream schools

4. Local authorities must allocate to each of their eligible schools, the amount shown on the accompanying spreadsheet, to spend for 2015 to 2016.

5. The Department may adjust a school’s funding allocation in October 2015 to reflect that a summer school did not take place, and to reflect the number of eligible pupils who confirmed they would attend the summer school. A revised spreadsheet will be issued with the final breakdown of 2015 to 2016 summer schools funding by eligible school.

Payment arrangements

6. Final allocations for summer schools funding will be confirmed once schools have confirmed that the summer schools took place and the number of places that were confirmed by eligible pupils. This will be reflected in the October 2015 payment to the local authority.

7. Summer schools funding will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Authority in two instalments:

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• June 2015 (50% of provisional allocation); and
• October 2015 (remainder of final allocation)

Certification

8. Local authorities will be required to certify that they have passed on the correct amount of funding to schools or, where funding has been spent centrally, that it has been spent in line with the conditions of grant. We will issue details of this process alongside the certification arrangements for the 2015 to 2016 pupil premium in April 2016.

Overpayments

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

Further information

10. That the books and other documents and records relating to the recipient’s accounts shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of State and by the Comptroller and Auditor General. 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.

11. The local authority shall provide such further information as may be required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether it has complied with the conditions set out in this document.

Other conditions

12. If the local authority fails to comply with the conditions set out in the paragraphs above, the Secretary of State may require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid to the local authority as may be determined by the Secretary of State and notified in writing to the local authority. Such sum as has been notified shall immediately become payable to the Secretary of State.

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