

July 2020 Budget Guidance Update

Covid-19 Related Funding

The government have announced a £1 billion fund to assist schools with the aim of returning to teaching the normal curriculum as quickly as possible. The full guidance can be found [here](#). Below are some key points when forecasting this funding:

Catch-up Premium

- £650 million one-off grant for 2020/21 academic year
- For all state funded mainstream, special and alternative provision schools
- Mainstream schools will receive £80 per pupil based on the number of children in years R to 11 (October 2020 census)
- Special and AP schools will receive £240 per place. For maintained schools this will be based on the number commissioned places for the 2019-20 academic year.

Payments will be split over 3 terms

Autumn 2020 - Interim payment (no detail as to exactly how this will be calculated apart from it will be based on the latest known pupil numbers)

Spring 2021 - Additional payment

Based on October 2020 census for mainstream schools.

For Maintained special and AP provisions will be based on 2019/20 commissioned places in published local authority budget returns.

This payment will top up the first one to provide £46.67 per pupil or £140 per place.

Summer 2021 – Final payment of £33.33 per pupil or £100 per place

There are no details as to how this funding will reach schools, but it is assumed for maintained schools funding will be passported through the local authority as is the case with other grant funding. Maintained schools should expect to receive this funding through their school advance. The exact timing of this will depend on when the Government release detailed allocations.

Schools Accountability

- Schools should use this funding to prioritise support according to need,
- It will not be included in future year school budget calculations.
- Schools have the flexibility to spend their funding in the best way to support the needs of their cohort and circumstances.

- School leaders must be able to account for how this money is being used to achieve the goal of schools getting back on track and teaching a normal curriculum as quickly as possible.
- Governors and trustees are expected to scrutinise a schools' approach to catch-up from September, including their plans for and use of catch-up funding. Consideration should include ensuring appropriate transparency for parents on the use of funding.
- Ofsted may look at plans as to how schools are spending their catch-up funding.

National Tutoring Programme

- £350 million will be used to help fund a National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help.
- Tutoring will begin from the second half of the autumn term.
- Detailed funding arrangements are still to be published.
- A portal will open in due course for schools to register their interest to participate.
- Schools will be able to use their catch-up premium to cover any unfunded costs of the subsidised programme.
- There are 2 parts to 2020-21 academic year programme:
 1. A 5 to 16 programme that will make high-quality tuition available to 5 to 16 year olds in state-funded primary and secondary schools from the second half of autumn term 2020. This is split into:
 - Tuition partners: Schools will be able to access subsidised tuition from an approved list of tuition partners.
 - Academic mentors: Schools in the most disadvantaged areas will be supported to employ in-house academic mentors to provide small group tuition to their pupils. Teach First will be supporting the recruitment, training and placement of the first cohort of academic mentors and their salaries will be subsidised by the government.
 2. A 16 to 19 fund for school sixth forms, colleges and all other 16 to 19 providers to provide small group tutoring activity for disadvantaged 16 to 19 students – the ESFA has published [further detail](#).

2020 Teachers Pay Award

The Government confirmed they have accepted all the recommendations from the independent School Teachers' Review Body for September 2020. These recommendations are equivalent to a 3.1% increase in the overall pay bill and include:

- Starting salaries for new teachers will increase by 5.5% to £25,714 (aim is to reach £30,000 by 2022/23).

- All other teachers will get a 2.75% increase to the upper and lower boundaries of the pay ranges.

This is expected to be funded from the increases in the main school budget in 2020-21 (and 2021-22). There is no extra funding.

High value courses for school and college leavers: a one-year offer for 18 and 19-year-olds

The ESFA have published [further details](#) of this one off funding in the post-16 sector

2021-22 Funding Announcements

The Government published details of the Schools Funding for 2021-22. The Local Authority, in consultation with the Schools Funding Forum, will consider the impact of this announcement and any necessary future changes to the schools budget calculation for 2021-22. Schools will be consulted during the Autumn term as to any proposed changes. In the meantime, schools should continue to use the current assumptions outlined in the [3-year planning guidance](#) on future years funding except in the case of the Year 7 Catch Up funding, where the Government has announced this is now ending in August 2020.