SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

SUBJECT: Treatment of Low Cost High Incidence SEN funding in Infant Schools

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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report seeks agreement from the Schools' Funding Forum (SFF) on the approach to calculating Low Cost High Incidence SEN funding in infant schools who due to cancelled assessments in the pandemic no longer have an actual data set

FOR:	Decision

1 Background

- 1.1 EYFSP assessments have not been completed for two years now and as such there are no pupils left in infant schools for whom a result has been recorded on the October 2021 census which is the basis of the 2022/23 budget.
- 1.2 The ESFA have confirmed that local authorities can either fund infant schools using last year's qualifying percentage (historic pupils who have left) or use the overall average for the local authority area.

2. Considerations

- 2.1 The financial implications of this decision are shown in appendix 1.
- 2.2 Forum members will note that the overall impact of the decision is minimal although at an individual school level it can be material.
- 2.3 The historic percentage may better reflect local conditions.
- 2.4 The county average is overall more generous but may be considered arbitrary.

3. Decision

3.1 The forum is asked to choose which option is more appropriate.

Appendix 1

DfE School	District	2021/22 %	Standard % F	Standard % Pupils Scenario 1 Funding Old %	1	Scenario 1 Funding New %	
2119 Shears Green Infant School	ıam	0.129310345	0.2437	334	~	£92,028 -£43,189	30
2263 Herne Bay Infant School	Canterbury	0.31	0.2437	265	£92,895	£73,016 £19,879	62
2268 Westmeads Community Infant School	Canterbury	0.220338983	0.2437	156	£38,869	£42,983 -£4,114	4
2276 Willesborough Infant School	Ashford	0.125	0.2437	354	£50,038	£97,538 -£47,501	7
2290 Tenterden Infant School	Ashford	0.339622642	0.2437	147	£56,455	£40,503 £15,951	24
2316 Shatterlocks Infant School	Dover	0.172413793	0.2437	159	£31,000	£43,810 -£12,810	9
2328 St Mildred's Primary Infant School	Thanet	0.310344828	0.2437	270	£94,753	£74,394 £20,360	8
2329 Callis Grange Nursery & Infant School	Thanet	0.14444444	0.2437	257	£41,978	£70,812 -£28,834	74
2337 St Crispin's Community Primary Infant School	Thanet	0.261363636	0.2437	268	£79,207	£73,843 £5,365	35
2340 Ellington Infant School	Thanet	0.428571429	0.2437	107	£51,855	£29,482 £22,373	73
2345 Priory Infant School	Thanet	0.518518519	0.2437	157	£92,055	£43,259 £48,797	37
2459 Riverhead Infants' School	Sevenoaks	0.127906977	0.2437	269	£38,907	£74,118 -£35,211	Ξ
2462 Riverview Infant School	Gravesham	0.245762712	0.2437	340	£94,489	£93,681 £808	8
2474 St Paul's Infant School	Maidstone	0.246575342	0.2437	252	£70,265	£69,434 £830	8
2500 Joydens Wood Infant School	Dartford	0.325301205	0.2437	248	£91,227	£68,332 £22,895	32
2513 The Oaks Infant School	Swale	0.279069767	0.2437	275	£86,782	£75,771 £11,011	Ξ
2514 Brookfield Infant School	Tonbridge and Malling	0.316666667	0.2437	176	£63,023	£48,494 £14,530	8
2574 Downs View Infant School	Ashford	0.2125	0.2437	255	£61,275	£70,261 -£8,985	35
2611 St Stephen's Infant School	Canterbury	0.259259259	0.2437	270	£79,156	£74,394 £4,762	25
2626 Sandwich Infant School	Dover	0.256410256	0.2437	139	£40,303	£38,299 £2,004	7
3073 St Michael's CEI School, Maidstone	Maidstone	0.25	0.2437	119	£33,641	£32,788 £853	23
3081 Thurnham CEI School	Maidstone	0.191011236	0.2437	270	£58,319	£74,394 -£16,075	22
3129 St Alphege CEI School	Canterbury	0.339285714	0.2437	142	£54,480	£39,126 £15,355	92
3295 Herne CEI School	Canterbury	0.2	0.2437	271	£61,289	£74,669 -£13,380	8
5212 Ditton Infant School	Tonbridge and Malling	0.177777778	0.2437	171	£34,376	£47,116 -£12,740	Q