

SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| SUBJECT: | Falling Rolls |
|-----------------|---------------|

| | |
|----------------|---|
| AUTHOR: | Chris Scott – Manager, Schools High Needs and Early Years Budgets |
| DATE: | 20 January 2022 |

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report seeks agreement from the Schools' Funding Forum (SFF) to submit a disapplication request to the secretary of state to consider The Holmesdale School for falling rolls funding

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| FOR: | Decision |
|-------------|----------|

1 Background

- 1.1 The SFF adopted a falling rolls policy on the 29th November 2019, a decision that has been ratified twice since on the 4th December 2020 and 26th November 2021.
- 1.2 The policy recognises the national requirement for a school to have at least a good OFSTED judgement but allows for the forum to agree to make disapplication requests to the secretary of state where appropriate.

2. The Holmesdale School

- 2.1 The SFF discussed the falling rolls fund on the 26th November 2021 and viewed favourably the suggestion of seeking a disapplication in the case of a school which lacks the necessary OFSTED judgement.
- 2.2 Such an application has been submitted for The Holmesdale School, but the ESFA wish to see that the SFF has specifically agreed to the request for this school.
- 2.3 The SFF is asked to consider this application.

3. Decision

- 3.1 The forum is asked to decide whether to endorse this disapplication.