

## SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Falling Rolls Fund 2021/22
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<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT:</b>	
This report summarises the disbursements from the 2020/21 falling rolls fund and the responses from the budget consultation regarding falling rolls. Finally, it invites the forum to decide whether the fund should be continued into 2021/22	
<b>FOR:</b>	Decision and Information

### 1 Background

- 1.1 In 2020/21 a falling rolls fund was created for Kent schools and academies in order to protect schools who have a falling roll and meet a number of criteria, primarily, evidence that the places will again be needed within the medium term.
- 1.2 The continuation of this fund is subject to annual review and decision by the Forum.
- 1.3 The paper considered by the Forum in November 2019 detailing this fund can be found using the following [link](#).

## 2. Eligibility Summary

Primary	Secondary
Must be judged good or outstanding	
Must have fewer than 420 pupils (Oct census)	Must have fewer than 550 pupils (excluding 6 <sup>th</sup> form, Oct census)
Pupils must have dropped between latest Oct census and the previous years' Oct census	School normally offers more than 550
Average number of pupils per class has fallen below 25	
Planning data shows places are required in next 3 years, along with assurance from AEO	
Excludes schools in receipt of pupil protection through other funds	
MFG will be deducted	
Reviewed annually	
Need to complete Curriculum Funding Model	

## 3. Summary of 2020/21 Disbursements

School Name	Total
High Weald Academy, The	£613,439
Hayesbrook School, The	£297,424
Pilgrims' Way Primary School	£54,321
Selling CEP School	£48,603
Ellington Infant School	£37,167
Leeds & Broomfield CEP School	£37,167
Dunton Green Primary School	£25,731
Sheldwich Primary School	£25,731
Bethersden Primary School	£25,731
Hunton CEP School	£20,013
Orchards Academy	£14,458
St Alphege CEI School	£14,295
Aycliffe Community Primary School	£14,295
John Mayne CEP School	£14,295
Lenham School, The	£11,566
Eastling Primary School	£11,436
Sunny Bank Primary School	£5,718
	<u>£1,271,390</u>

- 3.1 Of this total £446,358 will be disbursed to academies in April 2021 as the academy financial year is different to schools and local authorities.
- 3.2 A total of four dis-applications were submitted to Secretary of State for approval where the schools did not meet the minimum requirement of either a good or outstanding OFSTED rating. Three of the four dis-applications were not approved as it was considered these schools had sufficient reserves to cover the resulting reduction in funding.

#### 4 Feedback from schools funding consultation

- 4.1 In the recently concluded school budget consultation respondents were asked the question.

*Do you support the continuation of a falling roll fund in 2021-22?*

- 4.2 The responses received were as follows.

	Primary	Secondary	Special	All-through
Yes	33	17	2	1
No	18	18	0	0
Don't Know	11	3	1	0

#### 5 Decision

- 5.1 In November 2019 the SFF agreed to the Falling Roll Fund for one year only on the basis its impact would be reviewed. The Forum is asked to decide:
- whether the Falling Roll Fund should continue, subject to annual agreement a required by the DFE
  - If agreed: whether the eligibility criteria remains unchanged and the total fund remains at £1.5m.