**DELEGATED SCHOOL BUDGETS 2016-17**

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**SECTION A - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All Kent maintained schools will be able to access their budget templates on KELSI for 2016-17 and we have also included a MFG calculation for the following two financial years. Please note that all schools using these templates will be required to follow the instructions available on KELSI to finalise the calculation of their school’s budget. To access guidance click on these links; [Mainstream](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/54633/2016-17_Mainstream_School_Budget_Template_Guidance.docx) and [Special](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0004/54634/2016-17_Special_Schools_Budget_Template_Guidance.docx) template input guidance.

A funding guidance book has been provided for 2016-17, the information in this document will provide you with a detailed explanation on how your funding has been calculated. To access this document click on this link [Primary and Secondary School Funding Guidance 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0009/54639/Primary_and_Secondary_Schools_Funding_Guidance_2016-17.docx)

There are two key budget templates on KELSI, one for primary and secondary phase and the other for Special Schools phase. Each template includes a number of separate funding calculations and these are listed below for information:

1. **Mainstream (**[Mainstream Template 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0020/54560/2016_17_School_Budget_Templates.zip)**)**, this includes:
	1. Delegated formula School Budget Share (SBS) for 2016-17
	2. Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) calculation
	3. Early years (if applicable)
	4. High needs – mainstream (if applicable)
	5. High needs – SRP (if applicable)
	6. Pupil growth (if applicable)
	7. Pupil Premium
	8. Universal Infant Free School Meals (if applicable)
	9. De-delegation calculation
	10. Year 2 and 3 MFG calculation
	11. BPS summary input sheet
2. **Special** ([Special Template 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0018/54630/2016_17_Special_School_Budget_Templates.zip)), this includes
	1. Years 1, 2 and 3 of high needs Place Plus funding.
	2. Pupil Premium
	3. Universal Infant Free School Meals (if applicable)
	4. Pooled funding calculation
	5. BPS summary input sheet.

In addition a separate template is provided for your Indicative [Devolved Formula Capital](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0019/54280/Indicative_figures_for_KELSI_Devolved_Formula_Capital_2016-17.zip) funding. This template applies to all phases and will be updated as soon the Department for Education (DfE) provide us with actual budgets for 2016-17, we are hoping this is fairly soon, however we have not been provided with an actual date.

Schools that have purchased the Budget Planning Software (BPS) will be provided with full guidance notes to complete both the Kelsi budget templates and the BPS. The budget setting courses in March will provide full training on the transition of the current year information on BPS to the new/next year.

Please ensure you have completed the entire BPS ‘new year preparation’ as sent out in January 2016. The benefit of BPS is that schools will not be required to re-input staff information; the employee scenarios will transfer to the new year.

The deadline for the budget to be submitted to the Local Authority will be Tuesday 31st May 2016.

**SECTION B - BUDGET HEADLINES**

Schools National Funding Formula - Consultation

It has long been the government’s intention to move to a national funding formula for schools and the national school funding reforms introduced in April 2013 was a significant step in this direction. We are anticipating that the government will be launching a further funding consultation in March 2016 that will be a continuation of this journey. The DfE are indicating that any changes following this consultation will commence in 2017.

It is unclear what the government define as a national funding formula. The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is how the government pass education funding to Local Authorities (LAs). This funding is then passed on to schools using a local formula. The funding reforms of 2013 limited the number of factors that a LA could use to target the funding to schools, however the reforms of 2013 did not address the historic level of funding passed to LAs by central government. This ranges from £4,166 per pupil to £8,587 per pupil, Kent’s DSG rate per pupil is £4,383 and the national mean average is £4,636 per pupil.

It is hoped that the consultation in March will provide us with a clearer understanding of the long term aim of the government in respect of whether the national funding formula will be either

1. A fairer methodology for distributing funding from central government to LA and the retention of some local discretion in targeting this funding to schools.
2. A national funding formula that uses a uniform formula nationally from central government to the school.

In the context of the move towards a national funding formula, it is important to understand that this is within a flat cash envelope. Flat cash means the growth in pupil numbers will be funded, but with no additional funding for inflationary pressures. In the November spending review the chancellor detailed the government’s spending plans for the remainder of the parliament, which included a flat cash settlement for schools, therefore any reforms to the national funding formula will be cost neutral and any changes to funding are likely to be phased in over a number of years.

Minimum Funding Guarantee

The Government’s Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2016-17 has been set at -1.5%. This has been applied to ensure no school has a reduction in its budget of more than 1.5% per pupil (excluding exempt items and high needs funding) before any pupil premium is allocated.

In the context of the forthcoming national funding consultation and flat cash for the remainder of the parliament, our planning model assumes that the -1.5% MFG rate will continue for the medium term, however schools will be able to flex this based on their local knowledge.

Reception Uplift Factor

LAs have the discretion to include a Reception Uplift Factor in their local formula. LA schools are funded on the October census pupil count for the following financial year April to March and Academies are funded on the October census pupil count for the following academic year September to August.

Historically some schools operated a staggered intake for Reception aged pupils, where the admission date was after the October pupil census, but before the January census. This meant that in some instances a school could miss out on a significant amount of funding. In order to recognise this, the Education Funding Agency (EFA) introduced an optional factor into the schools formula that funded any increase in reception pupils between the previous January pupil census count and October pupil census count.

Autumn 2014 was the last time a school in Kent operated the staggered intake for reception aged pupils. After comparing the movement by year group between the October pupil census and the January pupil census it was found that movement in numbers was similar across the majority of year groups.

In light of this information that casual admissions were at a similar level across all year groups and there should not be a financial advantage for schools with reception aged pupils, it was unanimously agreed at the Schools’ Funding Forum (SFF) on the 20 November 2015 to remove the reception up lift factor from the local formula. It was also noted by the SFF that if there is a significant impact on year R admissions in the future, due changes to the admission regulations in respect of in year reception referrals, the removal of the reception uplift factor would be reviewed and potentially re-instated.

**High Needs funding in mainstream schools**

As you will be aware, in line with DfE regulations, the LA introduced a new system for funding high needs pupils in mainstream schools from April 2015. Patrick Leeson’s e-bulletin dated the [25 November](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/patrick-leesons-update/25-november-2015-weekly-update?utm_source=KELSI+eBulletin&utm_campaign=81baee3850-KELSI_schools_e_bulletin_25_November_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4a61d4d1e0-81baee3850-39403989) provides an update on the introduction of the new process and progress to date, a further update will be provided in the summer. Patrick will also be including feedback on the process as part of the Headteacher briefings in March.

In summary we are still at an early stage in the life cycle of the new process and cannot with certainty know what the end picture looks like. The summer review will provide us with a clearer understanding in relation to the overall number of high need pupils and the associated cost and whether the new process is reducing the number of EHCPs (one of our key objectives).

As the process is still relatively new we thought it would be helpful to provide an overview of how mainstream high needs funding is allocated to a school.

The definition of a High Needs Pupil (HNP) in a mainstream school is a monetary value and is a pupil that has additional SEN need costing £6,000 or more. For the avoidance of any doubt, the pupil does not need to have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) to be defined as HNP and access the funding. Also for the avoidance of any doubt, funding for pupils in a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) is excluded from this process.

Place Plus is the Education Funding Agency (EFA) overarching high needs funding methodology. Place Plus is applied to all High Needs pupils regardless of where the HNP is placed, however there are variations of how place plus is applied depending on the type of institution. To understand how Place Plus is applied it is important to note that in the first instance the cost of providing SEN resources for the pupil is identified. Place Plus is a methodology for how the funding is passed to the institution to meet that cost.

Knowing what notional SEN funding consists of is key to understanding the mechanics of mainstream high needs funding. A schools formula budget is broken down into a number of factors, with each factor being used to target funding at the different needs of the pupils within the school. Kent’s notional SEN proportion of the budget consists of the following factors, Factor 2 - IDACI, Factor 3 – Look after Children (LAC), Factor 4- English as an Additional Language (EAL), Factor 6 - Low Cost High Incidence SEN(LCHIS) and an element of the lump sum factor 7 (Primary £6,235, Secondary £5,580). This is funding targeted through the Kent’s local formula for the additional needs of pupils in the school, over and above the basic needs of all pupils.

How this is this applied in practice is best explained using an example – A primary school has an annual notional SEN budget of £10,000 and has one high need pupil whose additional needs cost £9,000 per annum.

Place Plus is broken down into three elements,

* Element 1 (E1) – Core Education Funding
* Element 2 (E2) – Additional Support
* Element 3 (E3) – Top Up Funding.

E1 = Primary school basic entitlement £2,740 (Factor 1 – Age Weighted Pupil Unit of funding)

E2 = £6,000 (this is always set at this amount)

E3 = £3,000 (cost of additional need £9,000 less E2 £6,000)

**How the funding is passed to the school**

E1 – included in schools annual formula budget.

E2 – School meets £6,000 cost from its notional SEN budget, in this example the notional budget is £10,000, so £6,000 is used for this pupil and the balance of £4,000 is available for the remaining pupils in the school with lower level needs)

E3- LA funds the £3,000

**Notional SEN Top Up, this is in addition to Element 3**

However, there are some schools who have a disproportionate number of high needs pupils relative to their notional SEN funding. In these cases, the LA has agreed to provide “notional SEN top up funding”, which could contribute towards (or in some cases fully fund) the E2 £6,000. This should not be confused with E3 funding, which is something different. Schools can attract both notional SEN top up and E3 top up funding.

No school will pay more than 3% of its notional SEN budget towards the £6,000 E2 contribution for an individual pupil. In addition, a threshold of 20% has been set where no school will pay more than 20% of its notional SEN budget towards the total E2 £6,000 contribution for all HNPs in the school. Once the 20% has been reached, the full £6,000 will be reimbursed to the school.

**How to apply for high needs funding in a mainstream school**

School submit an application via the SEN portal ([link to SEN guidance](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs/high-needs-funding-for-schools)). Once the application has been processed, if it is approved, the Schools’ Budget team will be notified. All approved top up funding will then be passed to the school on a monthly basis through the schools advance system. Included within the budget template suite provided to schools is a tab titled “High Needs Funding Mainstream”. Schools should record all of their HNPs on this tab and then reconcile the amounts to the schools advances system on a monthly basis.

Kent Scheme Pay

For 2016-17 the County Council has agreed a single pay and reward package for Kent Scheme staff, and this arrangement is similar to 2015-16. The new Kent Scheme salary scales will not be confirmed until mid-March.

Increase in salary on-costs

There are two salary on-cost increases to make you aware of

1. The employer’s national insurance contributions for 2016-17 are changing. The 3.4% rebate for those staff in a employers pension scheme has been removed. In addition, the contribution rate for band 2 has increased from 10.4% to 13.8%, which brings it in line with band 3.
2. The employer’s superannuation costs for teachers increased from 14.1% to 16.48% on 1 September 2015. Schools should be aware that the 2016-17 financial year is the first full year of this increase.

The Budget Planning Software tool has been amended to reflect both of these increases.

**SECTION C – GENERAL INFORMATION (APPLIES TO ALL SCHOOLS)**

**Insurance**

If you currently purchase your school insurance through KCC, you will need to manually enter these costs into your budget plans.  You will shortly be receiving direct debit notification from the LA which will break down the total insurance costs between E11 staff related insurance and E23 other insurance premiums.  Any queries regarding KCC insurance should be directed to either Shane Jermy on 03000 416311 (email shane.jermy@kent.gov.uk) or Nathan Page on 03000 416539 (email Nathan.page@kent.gov.uk).

**Family Liaison Officer (FLO) funding**

Schools that are in receipt of FLO funding have received a separate letter on the 19 February about the cessation of this funding from 1 September 2016.

**Devolved Formula Capital (DFC)**

Currently the budgets published for 2016-17 are indicative as the DfE have not proved actual DFC budgets to date, but we are hoping to receive this information in the near future. To access your indicative budget for 2016-17 click on this link Indicative [Devolved Formula Capital](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0019/54280/Indicative_figures_for_KELSI_Devolved_Formula_Capital_2016-17.zip). If you have any further questions in relation DFC, please contact Ruth Giles Email Ruth.giles@kent.gov.uk telephone 03000 416930

**Pupil Premium (PP)**

**General**

Schools can receive the following types of pupil premium payments:

* E6FSM - Ever Six Free School Meals
* E6SC - Ever Six Service Children
* CiC - Children in Care – (also known as post LAC and Pupil Premium Plus (PP+))
* PLAC - Post Looked After Children – ( also known as Children adopted from care or have left care)

If a pupil is eligible for one of these categories then the school will receive the relevant funding (2016-17 rates are shown later in this section). However if a pupil is eligible for more than one category, things become a little more complicated. This is particularly so when a pupil is eligible for either CiC or PLAC as well as E6FSM. The table below shows the possible combinations in the left hand side, and then the funding that those combinations will deliver in the right hand side.

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| Combinations |  | Funding |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E6FSM | E6SC | CiC | PLAC |  | E6FSM | E6SC | CiC | PLAC |
| Yes | Yes |   |   |  | Yes | Yes |   |   |
|   | Yes | Yes |   |  |   | Yes | Yes |   |
|   | Yes |   | Yes |  |   | Yes |   | Yes |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |   |  |   | Yes | Yes |   |
| Yes | Yes |   | Yes |  |   | Yes |   | Yes |

This information is particularly relevant in respect of CiC, if a pupil is recorded as CiC as at the 31 March 2015, a school will not receive E6FSM funding for this pupil if eligible. Schools are to note the adjustment for this type of pupil will take place in January 2017 as this is the point in time when the DfE update their records.

**E6FSM**

The eligibility criteria for E6FSM for 2016-17 includes pupils recorded in the January 2016 census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSMs) since May 2010, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2016. Pupils in reception through to year 6 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £1,320 per pupil and pupils in year groups 7 to 11 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £935 per pupil.

Provisionally the DfE has provided the LA with an indicative budget for E6FSM based on your schools 2015-16 E6FSM funded numbers. In the first instance this allocation will be passed on to schools, however this will be adjusted in year as your school’s final allocation for 2016-17 will be based on your January 2016 census return. In light of this provisionally only the first three months (April to June) will be profiled on your schools advance.

We anticipate that the DfE will allocate the final E6FSM allocation late in the summer based on the January 2016 census; at this point an adjustment will be made to your school’s E6FSM indicative budget to reflect the final allocation. **It is important for schools to note that for initial budgeting purposes, schools should use their local records to estimate the number of eligible E6FSM for the period April 2016 to March 2017**

To date we have no information from the DfE regarding PP funding rates for 2017-18, therefore for the purpose of estimating future years’ budgets we have assumed that the funding rates will be maintained at the 2016-17 levels.

**CIC PP (also known as PP+)**

At the point of issuing this guidance we do not have details of how CiC PP will be allocated in 2016-17. The Virtual Schools Kent (VSK) will be publishing guidance is due course and this information will be published on their website, to access the VSK website click on this link <http://www.virtualschool.lea.kent.sch.uk/>. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact one of the following VSK Deputy Heads.

* East Kent – Ann Parnell (email ann.parnell@kent.gov.uk)
* South Kent – Marian Smith (email marian.smith@kent.gov.uk)
* West and North Kent – Malcolm Thomas(email Malcolm.thomas@kent.gov.uk)

**E6SC**

E6SC is a pupil recorded on the January 2016 census who was eligible for the service child premium since the January 2011 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the January 2016 school census. Service children will be funded at a rate of £300 per eligible pupil.

Indicative budgets have been based on the number of E6SC recorded on roll in the school for 2015-16. An adjustment to the indicative budget will be made on confirmation of numbers from the DfE, which is expected late in the summer, and in light of this provisionally only the first three months (April to June) will be profiled on your schools advance. **It is important for schools to note that for initial budgeting purposes, schools should use their local records to estimate the number of eligible E6SC for the period April 2016 to March 2017**

To date we have no information from the DfE regarding PP funding rates for 2017-18, therefore for the purpose of estimating future years’ budgets we have assumed that the funding rates will be maintained at the 2016-17 levels.

**PLAC**

The pupil premium for 2016-17 will include pupils recorded in the January 2016 census who were looked after by an English (or Welsh LA) immediately before being adopted, or who left LA care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence). The rate of funding for an eligible pupil is £1,900.

We are not including indicative funding based on 2015-16 data for PLAC PP as the pupil may now not be on the school’s roll as at the January 2016 census. We anticipate that the DfE will notify the LA of schools’ entitlement to PLAC PP late in the summer and on receipt of this information we will pass funding onto the school. **It is important for schools to note that for initial budgeting purposes, schools should use their local records to estimate the number of eligible PLAC for the period April 2016 to March 2017**

To date we have no information from the DfE regarding PP funding rates for 2017-18, therefore for the purpose of estimating future years’ budgets we have assumed that the funding rates will be maintained at the 2016-17 levels.

Department of Education conditions of Grant guidance for 2016-17 can be accessed using this link [Grant Conditions](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2016-to-2017/pupil-premium-2016-to-2017-conditions-of-grant)

**Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**

Academic year 2015-16 is the second year of UIFSMs. The Education Funding Agency (EFA) have confirmed that this grant will continue during the term of this current parliament; however no funding guidance has been issued for the academic year 2016-17. On the bases that the underlying methodology for calculating the grant will continue, we are advising schools to base future funding forecasts on the underlying calculation for 2015-16, adjusted for change in eligible pupil numbers.

The EFA has produced a UIFSM funding calculator for 2015-16, which you can access via the following link [calculator](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0019/54244/UIFSM_calculator_2015-16.zip). If a school needs further clarification on the calculation of UIFSM funding they should read the condition of grant guidance for 2015-16 in conjunction with inputting into the UIFSM calculator. To access guidance click on this link, [conditions of grant guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-infant-free-school-meals-uifsm-funding-allocations-2015-to-2016).

**Year 7 Catch Up 2015-16**

Schools will receive £500 for each pupil in year 7 who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading or maths at the end of KS2. LAs will receive funding for the 2015 to 2016 academic year on 29 February 2016. Allocations and conditions of grant will subsequently be published on KELSI in March and payments for Year 7 Catch will be included in March’s schools advance. To date we have not had confirmation from the EFA in respect of future allocations for 2016-17 and beyond. On receipt of any future information, school will be updated in due course.

**Primary PE and Sport Premium Grant**

Schools received their funding for the period September 2015 to March 2016 in November 2015. The final payment for the period April 2016 to August 2016 will be made to schools in June 2016. For details of the grant allocation click on this link: [Primary PE and Sport Premium Grant](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/54243/Primary_PE_and_Sports_allocations_2015-16_KELSI.pdf)

The DfE has committed to continue to fund the Primary PE and Sport premium at £150m a year until 2020. Details of the 2016-17 academic year grant have not published to date and in 2015-16 academic year the condition of grant was published in October 2015. Therefore the LA will not be able to confirm at what rate the PE grant will be funded for the academic year 2016-17

**SECTION D – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHANGES**

The 2016-17 School funding guidance has been updated, this document will contain a detailed explanation of our local formula budget for primary and secondary schools, to access this guidance click on this link [Primary and Secondary School Funding Guidance 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0009/54639/Primary_and_Secondary_Schools_Funding_Guidance_2016-17.docx). There has been minimal change to Kent’s local formula factors in 2016-17, these changes are explained under changes to formula factors.

**Changes to formula factors**

There have been three notable events that have impacted on individual school budgets for 2016-17.

The changes relate to the removal of the Reception Uplift Factor, adjustment to the Primary Low Cost High Incidence SEN (LCHIS) factor and the updating of data set used to distribute Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) to all schools.

Reception Uplift

The optional Reception Uplift factor has been removed from Kent’s local funding formula from 1 April 2016. For details on the rational for removing this factor, see the explanation provided earlier in this document under section B, budget headlines.

IDACI – Formula factor 2

The IDACI data set used to allocate funding for deprivation has been updated. The 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 data sets were based on data published in October 2010. The 2016-17 data set is now based on data published in September 2015. The LA was not notified of this change prior to receiving the data in December 2015, therefore we have not been able to raise awareness of this issue.

The refreshing of this data has in some instances, had a material impact on the amount of deprivation funding some schools receive in 2016-17. Some schools will have an unexpected increase in funding allocated through this factor. Where schools have seen a material reduction in deprivation funding, this will in most cases be protected by the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG), although exact protection levels will depend on other data changes.

**Primary Phase adjustment to LCHIS funding rate, formula factor** 6

From the 1 April 2014, the Foundation Stage Profile score was replaced with a judgement, and we are now in the third year of transition. An eligible pupil is now one that is “Not achieving a good level of development”. The % of qualifying pupils in a primary school is now a mix of the new judgement for pupils in years 1, 2 and 3, and the old foundation score of below 78 for pupils in years 4 to 6. In 2013-14, 16% of primary school pupils received funding for LCHIS, now 23.3% of primary school pupils receive LCHIS funding, this is due to more pupils becoming eligible under the new criteria. To accommodate the increase in overall eligible numbers, the rate per eligible pupil has dropped from £749.12 to £729.11. Despite this reduction, the total amount of funding being allocated to schools through the LCHIS factor has remained constant.

**De-delegation**

Members of the SFF representing primary and secondary phase unanimously voted to continue de-delegating some specific budgets in 2016-17.

The ratification of this process took place at the SFF meetings held on the 20 November 2015.

The budgets where de-delegation applies will be recouped from individual schools in 12 monthly instalments through the schools advances system. The CFR codes that the recoupment charge will be coded against are shown in table below.

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| Budget Heading | Amount de-delegated per pupil | CFR code |
| Primary | Secondary |
| Schools in Financial Difficulties | £18.81 | £9.45 | E 23 |
| Free School Meals Eligibility | £0.57 | £0.57 | E28 |
| Licences and Subscriptions (SIMs) | £3.63 | £3.63 | E19 |
| Trade Union Duties | £1.85 | £1.85 | E10 |
| Schools Personnel Services | £0.80 | £0.80 | E28 |
| **Total amount per pupil** | **£25.66** | **£16.30** |  |

**Post 16 / 6th Form Funding**

At the time of writing this guidance, the Education Funding Agency (EFA) has not issued post 16 budgets. On receipt of this information, due for release by the EFA sometime in March, schools will need to manually record this information on their 3 year financial plans.

**Pupil Growth**

At the SFF meeting on the 20 November, members of the Forum ratified the LAs growth funding policy for 2016-17. In summary, as directed by the EFA in 2015-16, schools will only qualify for funding if it is for Basic Need. In addition the policy now includes a minimum threshold when reorganisation funding will be triggered. To access the Growth Policy for 2016-17 click on this link [growth guidance 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0005/54626/Appendix_2-Kent_Growth_Policy_2016-17.docx).

Schools who will be eligible for the reorganisation funding element of Growth funding will receive an email week ending 4th March from Ian Hamilton (Schools Budget and PVI Manager) detailing their funding for the financial year April 2016 to March 2017. If a school is entitled to the rising roll element of growth funding it will be shown on the growth tab of the school budget template, to access this information click on this link [growth funding](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0020/54560/2016_17_School_Budget_Templates.zip).

**Early Years Funding**

There is no change to early years funding in 2016-17. As with schools, the government will be consulting early in March on its next steps towards a national funding formula.

To date there is no guidance on how the government intend to introduce 30 hour childcare for 3 and 4 year olds for working parents which is due to be implemented from September 2017. The LA will provide further information on this once it has been published by the DfE.

**SECTION E – SPECIAL SCHOOLS**

The 2016-17 Special School funding guidance is now available to view on Kelsi, to access click on this link [Special School Funding Guidance 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0008/54638/Special_Schools_Funding_Formula_Guidance_2016-17.docx).

The 2016-17 Special School funding calculation template and can be accessed via the following link [Special School funding template](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0018/54630/2016_17_Special_School_Budget_Templates.zip) and to access user guidance click on this link  [Special Schools Funding template input guidance.](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0004/54634/2016-17_Special_Schools_Budget_Template_Guidance.docx)

**Protection**

Protection will be provided at no less than 98.5% of its 2015-16 value, ensuring that any reduction in funding per pupil is no greater than -1.5%, as for mainstream schools and academies.

**Funding Rates 2016-17**

Special Schools were sent guidance and a computation on the 21 January detailing the calculation of their funding rate. Special Schools were requested to submit a return by the 5 February confirming that they were in agreement with the number of places and funding rates. To date the majority of Special Schools have returned and agreed this information. To access your schools funding rate calculation click on this link, [Funding Rate Calculation 2016-17](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/file/0006/54636/2016_17_Special_Rates_Template.zip)

**Outreach**

In previous financial years, outreach resources to support mainstream schools were distributed via the District special school with each school receiving an equal allocation.

As Gravesham and Swale Districts are each served by a single special school, a review of outreach highlighted a pressing need to redistribute the total allocation (£2.4m).  Transitional arrangements for 2016/17 will redirect £50k from Dover District and £100k from Thanet District to increase the Dartford, Gravesham and Swale outreach support by £50k each.

# Pooled Funding (equivalent of de-delegation)

On 7 February 2014, Kent Association of Special Schools agreed to pool some specific budgets that were delegated to them in 2013-14 for the first time. This agreement applies to the maintained special schools only and covered the following budgets:

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| **Budget Heading** | **Rate per funded place** | **CFR expenditure code** |
| Schools in Financial Difficulty | £16.95 | E23 |
| Free School Meal eligibility | £0.57 | E28 |
| Licences and subscriptions | £3.63 | E19 |
| Staff Supply Cover – Trade Union duties | £1.85 | E10 |
| Staff Supply Cover – School Personnel Service support | £0.80 | E28 |
|  | £23.80 |  |

The budgets where pooling applies will be recouped from individual schools in 12 monthly instalments through the schools advances system. The CFR codes that the recoupment charge will be coded against are shown in the table above.