**Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) Funding**

The way in which funding is provided to school’s who have an SRP is changing from 2018-19, as directed by the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

In previous years pupils in SRPs were deducted from the school roll and therefore no funding for SRP pupils was received through a school’s formula budget. Instead the element of formula funding attributed to the SRP pupil was included in the separate SRP budget and funded from the High Needs Block.

From 2018-19 the Government have decided that SRP pupils will now be included on a school’s roll and element 1 funding for these pupils will be included in a school’s formula budget. The corresponding element of funding has now been removed from the distinct SRP budget calculation.

In 2017-18, funding for SRPs was allocated as a separate budget allocation (not part of the schools LFF). In the first instance, a per pupil rate was calculated for the SRP based on the need type of the pupil. This rate was then multiplied by the number of pupils in the SRP to arrive at the total SRP budget. The SRP rate was then split into three elements to comply with the ESFA funding methodology for High Needs, called Place Plus.

***Example of how the SRP funding rate is calculated***

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| Age Weighted Pupil Unit | £2,740 |
| Free School Meals | £175 |
| Ever 6 Free School Meals | £121 |
| Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index | £256 |
| English as an Additional Language | £80 |
| Low Prior Attainment | £247 |
| Additional Funding based on Need Type | £9,500 |
| Total Funding | £13,120 |

***Place Plus- how your school received SRP funding***

Element 1 - £4,000 – (Paid via General Accounting Grant (GAG) under the heading of Place Funding)

Element 2 - £6,000 - (Paid via General Accounting Grant (GAG) under the heading of Place Funding)

Element 3 - £3,120 – (Paid by Local Authority)

Elements 1 and 2 (£10, 000) is known as Place funding and is provided on the number of LA commissioned places. The SRP is guaranteed the £10,000 regardless of whether the SRP actual admits a pupil.

Element 3 is known as Top Up funding. Top Up funding is allocated once a pupil is admitted into the SRP. In the above example the SRP would receive the balance of £3,120.

The change in allocating the funding from September 2018 is that SRP pupils will now be included in the main school pupil count and SRP pupils will now be partly funded through its LFF budget.

Element 1 from September 2018 will not be paid as place funding through your GAG, instead your academy will receive formula funding for the SRP pupil

Where the number of places commissioned exceed the number of actual SRP pupils in the provision as at October 2017 census, an adjustment of £4,000 (E1) will be paid to the school to recognise the shortfall in funding due to the pupil not being included the schools’ formula budget.

The example below illustrates in further detail the change between 2017-18 and 2018-19 on how SRP funding is passed to a school.

