

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCHOOLS FORUM****25th September 2014****Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults****Commissioning of the 2015-16 High Needs Places****1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek Schools Forum support for the number of commissioned 2015-16 High Needs Places.

2. Information and Analysis

This is a new role for the Schools Forum.

2.1 Definition of High Needs Places

The funding of pupils with high needs underwent very significant changes in April 2013. The various funding streams are quite complex but, very briefly, the funding system has two main aspects:

- Place Funding (either £6k, £8k, or £10k, sometimes known as Elements 1 and 2 for Post 16 pupils); and
- Top Up Funding (variable, sometimes known as Element 3 for Post 16 pupils)

According to the DfE, Place funding:

- Is intended to provide the core education, basic programmes and costs up to a specified threshold
- Is a base level of funding for the institution and is not reserved for a specific pupil or local authority
- Will not necessarily match the exact number of places that are taken up
- Provides institutions with a guaranteed budget for the year that gives them a degree of financial stability

Top Up funding is that which is required over and above Place funding to enable a pupil with high needs to participate in education and learning. It is paid by the authority with responsibility for the pupil (which can be another local authority) and has to be paid on a 'money following pupil' basis and therefore ceases when a pupil leaves.

Whilst, under revised regulations, any changes to the arrangements for paying Top Up funding will also become subject to consultation with the Schools Forum, the subject is not included in this report.

2.2 Schools Forum support required at this meeting

The DfE had intended to start using lagged actual pupil numbers to determine the number of Places at each institution in 2015-16. However, the data has not proved to be reliable and so the default position will be that the 2014-15 Places are rolled forward for 2015-16.

There is, however, an opportunity in **exceptional cases** for local authorities to submit a request to the EFA for a variation to this rule. Requests **must** be submitted for consideration by **17th October 2014**.

An Exceptional Case should only be necessary where there is a 'serious and detrimental shortfall' in the current allocation of Places. Exceptional generally means:

- >5 Places for settings with up to 50 Places
- >10% change for settings with >50 Places (e.g. 10 Places for a 100 Place setting)
- and/or an **OVERALL** change at LA level which is >5% of the 2015/16 Places; for less than this LAs are expected to use their own High Needs Block funding [1,248 x 5% = **62 Places** for DCC]

Exceptional cases should only be submitted where:

- The number of pupils already occupying Places is significantly higher than the rolled forward Place numbers and is expected to **continue to increase**
- There is a significant number of new Places as a result of infrastructure changes (e.g. new school)
- There are significant infrastructure changes resulting in a need to reorganise Places (e.g. closures, mergers)
- There is a significant change to hospital education provision

The full 'High Needs Places' process for 2015-16 can be found in paragraphs 68 to 112 of the following document:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/347614/Schools_revenue_funding_2015_to_2016_operational_guide_August_2014.pdf

Details of any exceptional cases will be tabled at the meeting if necessary.

2.3 Schools Forum support which will be required at a future meeting

Aside from the timescale for Exceptional Cases, the Schools Forum will need to consider the allocation of all other High Needs Places. The EFA only published information about the process on 27th August 2014 and the Authority needs time to consider, in conjunction with the relevant institutions, whether or not any further Place number changes are appropriate for 2015-16. Any increases in places which are not considered to be exceptional (section 2.2), and thus do not attract additional DfE resources, would have to be met from within the existing High Needs Block of

the DSG. If necessary a further report will be brought to the Forum later in the year on this issue. In the meantime, Appendix 1 shows the EFA's default allocation of Places for 2015-16.

3. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, finance, human resources, legal & human rights, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

Working files held in CAYA Finance.

5. Strategic Director's Recommendations

That the Schools Forum notes the report and:

- (i) considers any exceptional supports tabled at the meeting; and
- (ii) agrees to consider the Places allocated to all other settings later in the year.

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Establishment name	LA Estab	Pre-16 SEN Units - 2014 to 2015	Pre-16 Resourced Provision - 2014 to 2015	Pre-16 SEN Places - 2014 to 2015	Total Pre-16 (excl. AP)	Post-16 Schools (excl. NMSS) 16-18	Post-16 Post School (excl. specialist Post 16 institutions) 16-18	Post-16 Post School (excl. specialist Post 16 institutions) 19-25	Total Post 16 (excl. NMSS and specialist Post 16 institutions)	Total High Needs Places	23/12/2013 RETURN	Diff	NOTES
BRAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	8302011	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	14	14	0	
CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH COFE VC PRIMARY	8302013	-	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	20	20	0	
ALDERCAR INFANT SCHOOL	8302116	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	0	
LANGLEY MILL JUNIOR SCHOOL	8302119	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	0	
PILSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	8302190	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	0	
SPRINGFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL	8302249	16	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	16	16	0	
WHALEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	8302268	-	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	15	0	
NEW WHITTINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY	8302294	-	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	10	0	
ELMSLEIGH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL	8302356	16	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	16	16	0	
DUNSTON PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL	8302517	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	
		60	61	-	121	-	-	-	-	121			
SWANWICK HALL SCHOOL	8304000	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	3	3	0	Post 16 = SENTA
ALFRETON GRANGE ARTS COLLEGE	8304001	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	0	Post 16 = SENTA
CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH HIGH SCHOOL	8304019	-	42	-	42	-	-	-	-	42	42	0	Submitted 42 but only funded 38 in 2014-15
TUPTON HALL SCHOOL	8304034	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	2	0	Post 16 = SENTA
NEW MILLS SCHOOL	8304057	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	0	Post 16 = SENTA
WILLIAM ALLITT SCHOOL	8304074	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	0	
ALDERCAR COMMUNITY LANGUAGE COLLEGE	8304089	-	7	-	7	11	-	-	11	18	18	0	} Pre 16 = Band B (5) + Band D (2) } Post 16 = Band B (2) + Band D (4) + 5 SENTA
TIBSHELF SCHOOL	8304173	15	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	15	15	0	
HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL	8304174	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	5	5	0	Post 16 = SENTA
GLOSSOPDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	8304191	-	5	-	5	1	-	-	1	6	6	0	Post 16 = SENTA
THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY SCHOOL	8304192	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	
NEWBOLD COMMUNITY SCHOOL	8304194	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	14	14	0	
BUXTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	8304510	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	2	0	Post 16 = SENTA
BELPER SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE	8305404	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	2	0	Post 16 = SENTA
THE PINGLE SCHOOL	8305410	12	29	-	41	2	-	-	2	43	43	0	} Pre 16 = Band A (29) + Band C (12) } Post 16 = SENTA
LADY MANNERS SCHOOL	8305411	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	0	Post 16 = SENTA
MILL HILL SCHOOL	8305416	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	0	Post 16 = SENTA
ORMISTON ILKESTON ENTERPRISE ACADEMY	8304002	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	3	3	0	Post 16 = SENTA
THE LONG EATON SCHOOL	8304052	10	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	11	11	0	Post 16 = SENTA
BROOKFIELD ACADEMY TRUST	8304196	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	7	7	7	0	Post 16 = SENTA
QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	8304500	-	23	-	23	11	-	-	11	34	34	0	Post 16 = SENTA
		51	120	-	171	54	-	-	54	225			
HOLLY HOUSE SPECIAL SCHOOL	8307000	-	-	41	41	-	-	-	-	41	41	0	Why was this submitted as 41 for 2014-15? According to the school they can only take 40 pupils
HOLBROOK CENTRE FOR AUTISM	8307001	-	-	49	49	18	-	-	18	67	67	0	
BRACKENFIELD SPECIAL SCHOOL	8307005	-	-	72	72	-	-	-	-	72	72	0	
ASHGATE CROFT SCHOOL	8307006	-	-	119	119	38	-	-	38	157	154	3	3 Post 16 Places transferred from Sheffield
SWANWICK SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE	8307009	-	-	78	78	-	-	-	-	78	78	0	
STUBBIN WOOD SCHOOL	8307012	-	-	98	98	11	-	-	11	109	108	1	1 Post 16 Place transferred from Notts
BENNERLEY FIELDS	8307014	-	-	84	84	-	-	-	-	84	84	0	
PEAK SCHOOL	8307017	-	-	33	33	22	-	-	22	55	55	0	
ALFRETON PARK COMMUNITY SPECIAL	8307018	-	-	61	61	17	-	-	17	78	78	0	
STANTON VALE SCHOOL	8307019	-	-	60	60	23	-	-	23	83	82	1	1 Post 16 Place transferred from Notts
		-	-	695	695	129	-	-	129	824			
AMBER VALLEY & EREWASH SUPPORT CENTRE	8301102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	(104)	} No longer part of Places process
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE SUPPORT CENTRE	8301106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	(22)	} HOWEVER:
NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE SUPPORT CENTRE	8301111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	(72)	} Is there still an error re the 128 Places?
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
UNIVERSITY OF DERBY	0	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	13	13	0	13	Derbyshire 10 Places (prev. submitted as Buxton & Leek College) + 3 Places transferred from Staffs
CHESTERFIELD COLLEGE	8308000	-	-	-	-	-	45	20	65	65	65	0	
		-	-	-	-	-	58	20	78	78			
		111	181	695	987	183	58	20	261	1,248	1,428	(180)	
MISSING FROM THE LIST													
HOPE VALLEY COLLEGE	8304111	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	12	12	12	0	Why has this been missed off? Not got 11-18 Status yet??