

14. SEND Funding

SEND Funding Overview

Schools funding comes from two main sources: the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and 16-19 Revenue Funding. All pre-16 funding is derived from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Post-16 provision is funded by the 16-19 Revenue Funding (core funding) and DSG (place and top-up funding). Maintained schools are funded by the Local Authority (LA) and academies and further education colleges are funded by the Education Skills & Funding Agency (ESFA) except for Top-up funding which is received via the LA.

The DSG and 16-19 Revenue Funding supports pupils with SEN in three ways:

- **Element 1** is the core funding allocated to schools through the pre-16 funding formula derived from the DSG Schools Block and funding delivered to post-16 institutions derived from the 16-19 Revenue Funding through the 16-19 national funding formula.
Element 2 is the element of budget based on the numbers of places to be funded and this is allocated through the DSG High Needs Block for both pre-16 and post-16 institutions.
- **Element 3** is the Top-up funding allocated by LAs to pre-16 and post-16 institutions from their DSG High Needs Block where the cost of provision for a pupil with high needs is more than allocated through the core or place funding.

Schools are expected to make provision for pupils as identified in Bands 1 and 2 (Low Cost High Incidence SEN) from their core funding (this is known as the Notional SEN budget and is derived as 5% of AWPU (see Element 1), 50% of Deprivation and 100% of Low Cost High Incidence SEN allocations).

Those pupils with high needs as identified in Band 3 and above of the SEND Handbook, schools will be expected to make provision up to £6000. Any additional support as a 'top-up' from the High Needs Block will be identified within a pupil's EHCP as outlined in the funding table below.

Funding Levels in Relation to Bands

Band	Funding
Band 1 – Mild SEND	School Notional SEN Budget
Band 2 - Moderate SEND School Support	School Notional SEN Budget
Band 3 – Severe SEND School Support or EHCP	School Notional SEN budget plus (if EHCP in place) top up £497 - £5695
Band 4 - More Severe SEND EHCP	School Notional SEN budget plus top up £5695 - £8293
Band 5 - Profound SEND EHCP	School Notional SEN budget plus top up £8293 - £11524
Band 6 - Exceptional SEND EHCP	School Notional SEN budget plus top up for bespoke programme in excess of £11524