



## Schools Forum

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## Updated Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) 2019-20

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### Summary

The Department for Education (DfE) announced provisional 2019-20 local authority Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations in December 2018, as reported to Schools Forum on 17 January 2019. In March 2019 the DfE announced an update to the DSG allocation for the 2019-20 financial year. A further update was received in July 2019.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's latest updated 2019-20 DSG allocation comparing it with Shropshire's previous provisional DSG allocation as reported to Schools Forum in June 2019.

### Recommendation

This report is for information only.

## REPORT

1. In January 2019 Schools Forum members received a report summarising the funding blocks making up Shropshire's 2019-20 provisional DSG allocation and listing the key financial headlines for each of the blocks.
2. Shropshire's 2019-20 provisional DSG allocation was updated in March 2019 to include recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the ESFA at that point. This was presented to Schools Forum in June 2019.
3. A further update was received in July 2019 including adjustments to academy recoupment in relation to recent convertors, the early years' provisional allocation and the High Needs import/export adjustment.
4. A summary of the provisional 2019-20 DSG (as presented to Schools Forum in June 2019) and the latest updated 2019-20 DSG announced in July 2019, is shown in the table below.

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	<b>Provisional DSG</b> (as at Dec 18) £m	<b>Recoupment / Deductions for HN places</b> (as at March 19) £m	<b>Provisional DSG</b> (as at March 19) £m	<b>Recoupment / Early Years Adjustment / HN Import/Export Adjustment</b> (as at July 19) £m	<b>Latest DSG</b> (as at July 19) £m
Schools Block	160.063	-99.824	60.239	-0.416	59.823
Early Years Block (Provisional)	15.155	0	15.155	+0.409	15.565
High Needs Block	26.056	-4.800	21.256	-0.288	20.968
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	3.190	0	3.190	0	3.190
<b>Total DSG</b>	<b>204.465</b>	<b>-104.624</b>	<b>99.841</b>	<b>-0.295</b>	<b>99.546</b>

6. The latest (July 2019) Schools Block adjustment shown in the table above relates to the additional recoupment of the budget share of a school converting to academy status on 1 April 2019, calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula as £416,216. The funding is recouped from Shropshire's DSG and passed on to the academy by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The DSG recoupment will be updated throughout the financial year to reflect any further academy conversions.
7. The latest Provisional Early Years Block adjustment relates to updated provisional part time equivalent (pte) funded two, three and four year olds to reflect the January 2019 school census and early years census, providing additional funding of £400,479, along with a small increase to the Early Years Pupil Premium grant of £8,972.
8. The latest High Needs Block adjustment relates to an update to our import/export adjustment to reflect January 2019 school census high needs pupils' data and February 2019 RO6 ILR data (age 16 to 18 and 19 to 24 year olds with EHC plans). The import/export adjustment reflects the net place funding costs of other local authority pupils placed in our high needs settings and Shropshire high needs pupils placed in other local authority settings. Shropshire is a net exporter of high needs pupils and our 2019-20 import/export adjustment has increased by £288,000 to a total deduction of £1.092m to our High Needs Block funding.
9. Shropshire's latest remaining DSG for 2019-20, after recoupment for academies and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by ESFA, equates to £99.546m.