



## **Schools Forum**

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## **Final 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 and further updates in March 2019 and May 2019 which have previously been reported to Schools Forum. In July 2020 the DfE announced final 2019-20 local authority DSG allocations.

This report provides a summary of Shropshire's final 2019-20 DSG allocation comparing it with Shropshire's provisional 2019-20 DSG allocation.

### **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 during the financial year to include recoupment for academies and deductions for high needs places funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
3. A final update to the 2019-20 DSG allocation was received in July 2020. A summary of the provisional 2019-20 DSG and the final 2019-20 DSG announced in July 2020, is shown in the table below.

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	<b>Provisional DSG (as at Dec 18) £m</b>	<b>Recoupment / Early Years Adjustment / Deductions for HN places and Import/Export Adjustment £m</b>	<b>Final DSG (as at July 20) £m</b>
Schools Block	160.063	-101.555	58.508
Early Years Block	15.155	+0.947	16.102
High Needs Block	26.056	-5.129	20.927
Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)	3.190	0	3.190
<b>Total DSG</b>	<b>204.464</b>	<b>-105.737</b>	<b>98.727</b>

5. The Schools Block adjustment shown in the table above relates to the recoupment of budget shares in relation to 61 Shropshire academies calculated through Shropshire's local funding formula. The funding is recouped from Shropshire's DSG and passed to the individual academies by the ESFA.
6. The Early Years Block adjustment relates to updated part time equivalent funded two, three and four year olds to reflect 5/12ths of the January 2019 school census and early years census, and 7/12ths of the January 2020 school census and early years census, providing additional funding of £0.947m.
7. The High Needs Block adjustment relates to:
  - Deductions in relation to direct funding of high needs places by the ESFA totalling £4.808m
  - An increase in funding of £0.627m in relation to Shropshire's share of the extra £250m made available nationally to local authorities over the two years 2018-19 and 2019-20
  - An increase to our import/export deduction of £0.288m to reflect January 2019 school census high needs pupils' data and February 2018/19 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 from a provisional deduction of £0.804m to a final deduction of £1.092m in 2019-20.
8. Shropshire's final DSG allocation for 2019-20 after recoupment for academies and deductions for direct funding of high needs places by ESFA, totals £98.727m.