

Historical Annual LA maintained schools' premises related costs paid for by Central DSG (2025.26 figures)

School A

School house rent £3663.25 twice yearly <i>to £8,310)</i>	£7,327 (<i>current negotiations could increase this</i>)
Woodland rent	£100
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£104,802</i>

School R

School building lease	£1,334
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£44,514</i>

Please note the payments for land and the schoolhouse at School A and School R need to be paid as this is the rental for the LA to offer a school in the location. These will need to be paid on an ongoing basis by the LA as there is no suitable alternative in the locations.

The following will be pushed back to schools to pay from 2027-28:

School A

Car park rent	£839
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School B

Severn Trent rent of land for access to school	£50
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£19,807</i>

School C

Rent of play area required for education delivery	£200
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£89,705</i>

School M

Hall hire for curriculum PE	£1208
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£66,297</i>

School N

Field maintenance	£180
<i>2025-26 Carry forward surplus</i>	<i>£175</i>

Total premises costs paid for 6 Schools in 2025-26	£11,238
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Application for Exceptional Circumstances funding through DSG Schools Block for school A.

The schools operational guidance states the following;

18. Exceptional circumstances

This is an optional factor. Local authorities can apply to us to use exceptional circumstances relating to school premises, for example rents, or joint-use sports facilities. Local authorities should only submit applications where the value of the factor is more than 1% of a school's budget and the factor applies to fewer than 5% of the schools in the local authority's area. Local authorities should submit requests annually for approval. Even where local authorities received approval in the current year,

they should re-apply to us, if the criteria are still being met. Local authorities should submit requests for all exceptional circumstances in 2026 to 2027 by the disapplication deadline dates, setting out the rationale for the factor, and demonstrating that the criteria are met. The deadline date, as previously communicated, for local authorities to submit a request for exceptional circumstances was 17 November 2025. This is to ensure decisions are communicated back to local authorities prior to the APT submission deadline. Exceptional circumstances that have previously been approved include:

- **rents**
- **joint use of leisure facilities by contractual agreement**
- **building schools for the future (BSF) schemes (additional contribution to lifecycle maintenance costs)**
- **hire of PE facilities**
- **school with a farm included as part of its educational provision**

A further update will be presented to confirm the outcome of the exceptional circumstances' application.