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Non maintained special school allocation statement for academic year 2015 to 2016

Explanatory note

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Explanatory note

Summary of the 2015 to 2016 funding allocation

The high needs place allocation process has been delivered earlier for the 2015 to 2016 academic year.

We have rolled forward 2014 to 2015 place numbers as the basis for 2015 to 2016 allocations. The 2015 to 2016 place numbers were published in August. A small number of non maintained special schools submitted exceptional cases where they felt there was evidence of exceptional growth since 2014 to 2015.

We completed the assessment and moderation of all high needs exceptional cases and communicated the outcome of the process on the 17 December 2014. The details of the process together with a final list of all high needs place numbers are available online on GOV.UK.

On 23 January 2015 we sent further feedback on our assessment to all non maintained special schools that made an exceptional case, copying in any local authorities that were referenced in those cases.

There then followed a period, up to the 27 February 2015, during which local authorities, non maintained special schools and special post-16 institutions could send us any enquiries regarding the exceptions process.

Your total high needs place number allocation is described in table 2 of your funding statement which shows the number of high needs places funded at the rate of £10,000 per place.

Further information regarding the [high needs funding system](http://GOV.UK) can be found on GOV.UK.

Student financial support funding

16 to 19 Bursary fund

In 2015 to 2016, institutions will receive 16 to 19 Bursary fund allocations for discretionary bursaries only, just as in 2014 to 2015. The funding for vulnerable student bursaries will be held centrally by the Student Bursary Support Service; institutions should draw down this funding on demand, whenever they need it, throughout the academic year.

This will enable institutions to plan their discretionary schemes earlier for the 2015 to 2016 academic year and with much greater confidence, because institutions' allocations

will not come under pressure to pay unforeseen vulnerable student bursaries later in the year.

Only those students in one of the defined vulnerable groups, or those experiencing the greatest financial disadvantages and/or course-related costs, should be supported using the 16 to 19 Bursary fund. Students' individual needs should be assessed on this basis for discretionary bursaries and awarded an appropriate level of financial support.

16 to 19 Bursary fund – discretionary bursaries only

For the majority of institutions, the 16 to 19 Bursary fund allocations for discretionary bursaries in 2015 to 2016 have been calculated based on the number of students in 2009 to 2010 who were in receipt of EMA at £30 per week as a percentage of the 2010 to 2011 allocated student numbers.

This percentage has been applied to institutions' 2015 to 2016 student numbers and multiplied by the rate of £298 (based on the overall budget available and number of students to be funded) to give the allocation for the institution.

Where an institution had no EMA students in 2009 to 2010 or where the provision was new in 2011 to 2012 or later, allocations have been based on 36% of the institution's 2015 to 2016 allocated student numbers.

A minimum allocation amount of £500 has been applied.

Annex A: Allocation statement 2015 to 2016 – detailed notes

Table 1: Summary of 2015 to 2016 funding allocation

Title	Comments
1.1 Total high needs place funding	This figure is taken from table 2: High needs breakdown, row 2.1 - total funding.
1.2 Student financial support funding	This figure is taken from table 3: Student financial support funding, row 3.1 - funding.

Table 2: High needs breakdown

Title	Comments
2.1 Place funding	High needs place funding calculation.
Total places (all age groups)	The total of SEN Unit, SEN and 16 to 18 high needs place numbers allocated for the 2015 to 2016 academic year.
Rate per place	This is the unit cost that has been used to calculate the total funding.
Total funding	<i>2015 to 2016 total high needs place numbers x rate per place</i> The standard funding rate is multiplied by the number of high needs places (rounded to the nearest pound).

Table 3: Student financial support funding

Title	Comments
3.1 16 to 19 Discretionary Bursary Fund	This funding calculation is based upon the number of post 16 places allocated for the 2015 to 2016 academic year.
Percentage applied	<p>The percentage applied is the number of students in 2009 to 2010 in receipt of EMA at £30 per week as a percentage of 2010 to 2011 funded numbers.</p> <p>Where the provision was new in 2011 to 2012 or later, the percentage used is 36% (the national average percentage of students claiming £30 per week in 2009 to 2010).</p> <p>This percentage is multiplied by the 2015 to 2016 Post 16 place numbers to determine the number of bursary funded places attracting the standard funding rate.</p>
Standard funding rate	This is the unit cost that has been used to calculate the total funding.
Funding	<p><i>2015 to 2016 place numbers x percentage applied x funding rate</i></p> <p>The standard funding rate is multiplied by the number of bursary funded places (rounded to the nearest pound).</p> <p>A minimum allocation of £500 has been applied.</p>



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