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Dedicated schools grant (DSG) and other grants

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Formula grants 2022 to 2023

ESFA currently pays the following revenue grants to local authorities.

Dedicated schools grant (DSG) - [Dedicated schools grant \(DSG\): 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2022-to-2023)

Pupil premium - [Pupil premium: allocations and conditions of grant 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2022-to-2023)

Teachers pay grant - [Teachers' pay grant: allocations for 2022 to 2023 financial year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teachers-pay-grant-allocations-for-2022-to-2023-financial-year)

Teachers pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) - [Teachers' pension grant: 2022 to 2023 allocations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teachers-pension-grant-2022-to-2023-allocations)

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Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) - [Universal infant free school meals \(UIFSM\): 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/universal-infant-free-school-meals)

Primary PE and sports premium - [PE and sport premium for primary schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/primary-school-pe-and-sports-premium)

Key stage 2 moderation and key stage 1 phonics –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/phonics-screening-check-administration>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-teacher-assessment-guidance>

Extended rights for free travel - [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/extended-rights-to-free-school-travel--2](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/extended-rights-to-free-school-travel-2)

Virtual school heads - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/virtual-school-heads-section-31-grant-determination-letter>

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Schools supplementary grant – [Schools supplementary grant 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/schools-supplementary-grant-2022-to-2023)
(www.gov.uk)

Senior Mental Health Leads training – [Senior mental health lead training - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/senior-mental-health-lead-training) (www.gov.uk)

Cadets School Staff Instructor – [School staff instructor \(SSI\) funding grant: academies conditions of grant 2021 to 2022 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/school-staff-instructor-ssi-funding-grant-academies-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022) (www.gov.uk)

Homes for Ukraine - [Homes for Ukraine: education and childcare funding - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/homes-for-ukraine-education-and-childcare-funding) (www.gov.uk)

Early Career Framework Funding - [Funding and eligibility for ECF-based training - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/early-career-framework-funding)
(www.gov.uk)

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NPQ Targeted Support Fund - [National professional qualification targeted support funding: conditions of grant - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Recovery Premium - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recovery-premium-funding>

National Tutoring Programme - [National Tutoring Programme \(NTP\) allocations for 2022 to 2023 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Dedicated schools grant (DSG) 2023 to 2024

Dedicated schools grant (DSG)

DSG can only be spent on the schools budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations.

For financial year 2023 to 2024 the DSG will continue to be based on 4 funding blocks: schools, central school services, high needs and early years.

Local authorities continue to have flexibility to move funding between blocks as follows:

- Transfer up to 0.5% of the schools block to another block, with the approval of their schools forum.
- Movement out of the early years block to any other block is allowed, so long as
 - i) Consultation with the schools forum has taken place, and
 - ii) Any pass through rate condition is also satisfied.
- Movement out of the high needs block to any other block is allowed in consultation with the schools forum, the relevant representatives (or sub-groups) on the schools forum and providers likely to be affected by the transfer.
- Movement out of the central school services block to the schools block is allowed in consultation with the schools forum.

Dedicated schools grant (DSG)

- Maintained schools and academies should be consulted about the full amount of any proposed transfer.
- A disapplication will be required by **18 November 2022** for:
 - i) movements out of the schools block of over 0.5%
 - ii) any movements out of the schools block that do not have forum approval, but the local authority wishes to proceed.

Where local authorities submit a disapplication they have until **13 January 2023** to amend where there are significant changes, for example :

- Demand for high needs provision has changed significantly, or
- Final pupil numbers in the October 2022 census are significantly different from the expected numbers.

When submitting disapplication requests for transfers from the schools block, local authorities should provide the evidence detailed in the proforma provided by the ESFA

DSG payment and assurance

- Allocations and payments are made on a financial year basis.
- Payments are made as a single grant in 25 instalments – 3 in April and 2 per month from May to March.
- Each local authority's Chief Finance Officer is required to submit a signed statement confirming that DSG was used in line with the grant conditions.

DSG balances

DSG underspends

- DSG underspend can be carried forward to the next financial year, but can only be spent on the schools budget.
- The schools forum should be consulted about the use of any underspend and forum consent is required where it is to be used for central budgets.

DSG deficits: local authorities must:

- Carry all of the deficit forward to set against the schools budget in the next financial year; or
- Carry part of the deficit forward to set against the schools budget in the next financial year and carry the rest of it forward to the following financial year; or
- Not set any of the deficit against the schools budget in the next financial year, but carry all of the deficit forward to the following financial year.

DSG balances cont.

- If a local authority sets any part of the deficit against the schools budget for the next financial year, it must plan to eliminate that part of the deficit through funding from the DSG that it will receive during that financial year.
- If the local authority carries any part of the deficit forward to the following financial year, it will need to eliminate it from DSG received in future years.
- If an authority with a DSG deficit wishes to use general funds to eliminate any part of the deficit, or otherwise to add general funds to its schools budget, it must apply to the Secretary of State for permission.
- **In reference to ring fencing requirements that stipulate DSG deficits must be held in a separate reserve in local authority accounts, we still await a decision on whether this position will continue beyond 2022/23**

Schools and high needs allocations

- Plan to issue allocations for 2023 to 2024 in December 2022.
- The schools block will be allocated using the primary and secondary units of funding published in July 2022 multiplied by the number of pupils recorded on the October 2022 school census (including pupils in special units and resourced provision).

Allocations for the high needs block will be:

- Those published in July 2022 using the high needs NFF and the basic entitlement, updated to reflect the high needs pupil numbers from the October 2022 school census.

CSSB and early years allocations

The CSSB will be allocated using:

- The unit of funding for ongoing commitments published in July 2022 multiplied by the same pupil numbers from October 2022 census used for the schools block.
- Plus historic commitments funding. We will apply protection to ensure historic commitments cannot fall below the total value of ongoing termination of employment and prudential borrowing costs. LAs in this position should contact FundingPolicy.QUERIES@education.gov.uk.

Early years block – provisional allocations for the early years block will be published in **December 2022**.

Details of all information on slides 12 and 13 are located on the following webpage:

[Schools operational guide: 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-operational-guide-2023-to-2024)

DSG updates for 2023 to 2024 allocations

Allocations and payments are updated in year to reflect in-year academy conversions, and the data used for the early years block

March 2023

- Schools block and high needs block updated for academy conversions after November 2022.

Spring 2023

- High needs block updated to reflect new cross border data for the import/export adjustment.

July 2023

- Schools block and high needs block updated for academy conversions after March 2023.
- Early years block updated with latest census data.

DSG updates for 2022 to 2023 allocations

November 2023

Schools block and high needs block updated for academy conversions after July 2022

February 2024

Schools block updated for academy conversions after November 2022

March 2024

Schools block and high needs block updated for academy conversion in February and March 2024

July 2024

Early years block updated for latest census data

Timetable for ESFA grant payments

Currently, in 2022 to 2023 financial year:

- **DSG** paid in 25 instalments – dates set out in the conditions of grant.
- **Pupil Premium** paid in four instalments in June, September, December 2022 and March 2023.
- **UIFSM** paid in June 2022 and July 2023 .
- **Primary PE and Sport Premium** paid in April 2022 and October 2022.
- **Teachers pay grant** paid in April 2022 and September 2022.
- **Teachers pension employer contributions grant** paid in April 2022 and September 2022.
- **Recovery Premium** – paid September and December 2022, March and June 2023.
- **National Tutoring Programme** – paid September and December 2022, April 2023.

Timetable for ESFA grant payments

Currently, in 2022 to 2023 financial year:

Key stage 2 moderation and key stage 1 phonics - paid annually each October

Extended rights for free travel – paid directly to local authorities in monthly instalments

Virtual school heads – paid in 2 instalments in July and November 2022.

Schools supplementary grant – Paid in 2 instalments in May and June 2022 (for maintained schools and academies respectively), and again in October and November 2022 (for maintained schools and academies respectively).

Timetable for ESFA grant payments

Currently, in 2022 to 2023 financial year:

Senior Mental Health Leads training – paid on a quarterly basis of June, September, December and March (for maintained schools), and July, October, January and April for academies.

Cadets School Staff Instructor – paid in 2 instalments in November 2022 and April 2023 (TBC).

NPQ Targeted Support Fund – Paid in summer 2023 (exact date to be confirmed)

Recovery Premium - paid on a quarterly basis of September 2022, December 2022, March 2023 and June 2023 (for maintained schools), and October 2022, January 2023, April 2023 and July 2023 or academies.

National Tutoring Programme - Paid in September 2022, December 2022 and April 2023

Timetable for ESFA grant payments

Currently, in 2022 to 2023 financial year:

Homes for Ukraine - paid on a quarterly basis of August 2022, October 2022, January 2023 and April 2023.

Early Career Framework Funding - Paid in summer 2023 (exact date to be confirmed)