

Schools Forum

25TH June 2019

DfE and Other Updates for 2019/20

Introduction

1. This paper is intended to inform the Schools Forum about the funding and other related updates made since the last meeting.

Teachers Pension Grant

2. From September 2019 the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Pension Scheme will increase to 23.6% from 16.48%.
3. This grant is to fund the increase in employer contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) for the period September 2019 to March 2020 for maintained schools and to August 2020 for academies. Funding beyond this is subject to the wider spending review.
4. In addition to the main grant there is also a supplementary fund. Schools will be able to apply to the fund if they experience a shortfall of more than 0.05% in their additional grant compared with the actual costs of the pensions increase. Further details on eligibility for this and the grant can be found on the DfE website at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pension-employer-contribution-grant-tpecg/pension-grant-methodology>

Call for Evidence – Funding for SEND and those who need AP

5. The DfE say they are looking carefully at how much overall funding will be needed in future years. This call for evidence is an invitation to consider other aspects of the funding arrangements that:-
 - a. could be changed to help local authorities, schools, colleges and other providers in their support for young people with SEND, those requiring alternative provision (AP) and those at risk of exclusion from school, and
 - b. may not be helping get the most value from the resources available
6. The call for evidence was launched on 3 May 2019 and the Council will be submitting a response to the consultation by the deadline of 31st July 2019. The DfE have asked the Council for Disabled Children to organise a small number of workshops across the country, to discuss the themes in

this call for evidence in greater detail. Further information can be found on the DfE website at the link below:-

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/funding-for-send-and-those-who-need-ap-call-for-ev/>

Designated Education Officer Post

7. The DEO is the 'education professional' within the Childrens Hub that support schools in their safeguarding duties and ensure that children receive the right support at the right time. For 2019/20 the Council will share the costs of the DEP post (32k) with Hartlepool Borough Council.

Recommendation

8. That the Schools Forum note the report.

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