



# Northumberland County Council

Agenda Item 10

Formula Funding Committee, Schools Forum

## Teachers' pay grant update

DfE info updated  
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### 1. Purpose of the Report

To update the respective bodies in relation to the publication of individual school allocations in relation to Teachers Pay Grant, including details of individual school allocations for 2018/19.

### 2. Recommendation

Schools Forum should consider the publication of the school level allocations and the accompanying conditions of grant that were published for 2018/19 in the context of their financial pressures and look out for the further information the DfE is to produce in October.

### 3. Background

The 2018 School Teachers Pay and Conditions document was published on 14 September 2018, and was reported to Schools Forum. The actual 2018/19 Funding allocations have now been published:

LA Number	LA Name	Mainstream Maintained Schools	High Needs Providers (Exc NMS)	Total Grant Paid to LA	Mainstream Academies	NMSS	Total Grant Allocation for Schools in the Local Authority Area
929	Northumberland	£534,364	£59,744	£594,108	£446,977	£2,626	<b>£1,043,711</b>
	Mainstream Schools (Maintained & Academies)	£981,341					

This figure is higher than the original estimate based on total pupil numbers due to the inclusion of a minimum number of 100 pupils per school in the actual calculations. Details of individual school allocations are attached as a separate document. The 2018/19 figure is on the basis of 7 months, from Sept 2018 to Mar 2019, but an estimated 2019/20 figure could be obtained by prorating for the full 12 months. The 2019/20 figure may be subject to change depending on pupil numbers.

The conditions of grant are attached at Appendix 1.

### 4. Summary and Conclusions

Schools Forum should consider this information in the context of their financial pressures as part of their budget setting processes.

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**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION GUIDANCE: TEACHERS PAY GRANT 2018-19**

**Conditions of Grant**

**1. 1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Secretary of State for Education is providing financial assistance to maintained schools, maintained nursery schools and high needs settings in the form of the teachers' pay grant (TPG) for the financial year beginning 1 April 2018.
- 1.2 TPG provides funding for schools to support the teacher pay award that came into effect on 1 September 2018.
- 1.3 The education and skills funding agency (ESFA) will pay the TPG funds to local authorities on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education on 31 October 2018.
- 1.4 The following terms and conditions apply to the TPG for the financial year beginning 1 April 2018.
- 1.5 The TPG rates and eligibility are set out in the [TPG methodology](#).

**2. 2. Allocation and payment to mainstream schools**

- 2.1 Local authorities must pay to each:
  - maintained nursery school
  - maintained primary and secondary school
  - all through maintained school
  - 16-19 maintained schoolthat they are responsible for maintaining the amounts shown in 'mainstream schools' tab for each school in the allocations table.
- 2.2 Local authorities must comply with condition 2.1 irrespective of any deficit relating to the expenditure of the school's budget share.
- 2.3 TPG is not part of schools' budget shares and is not part of the individual schools budget. It is not to be counted for the purpose of calculating the minimum funding guarantee.

**3. 3. Allocation and payment to high needs settings**

- 3.1 Each local authority is allocated an amount, as set out in the TPG allocation table, which is to be distributed in full to their high needs settings.
- 3.2 A local authority's high needs settings are the:
  - maintained special schools
  - special academies and free schools
  - pupil referral units
  - alternative provision academies and free schools
  - hospital schoolsthat are identified in the 'special schools' tab in the allocations table as being the responsibility of the local authority.
- 3.3. Local authorities will determine how much to distribute of their high needs settings as defined in 3.2 above after consultation with each of their high needs settings. Local authorities must make a distribution of TPG to all of their high needs settings as defined in 3.2 above.

**4. 4. Permitted use of TPG funds**

- 4.1 Local Authorities must ensure that their maintained schools and high needs settings only spend TPG funds in the following ways:
  - for the purposes of the school or high needs setting; or

- for the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools, pupil referral units or hospital schools
- 4.2 TPG funds do not have to be spent by maintained schools, academies, pupil referral units or hospital schools, in the financial year beginning 1 April 2018. Maintained schools, academies, pupil referral units and hospital schools may carry some or all TPG funds forward to future financial years.

#### **5. 5. Certification**

- 5.1 Each local authority will be required to certify to the ESFA that they have complied with these terms and conditions.
- 5.2 The ESFA will set out the arrangements for certification in April 2019.

#### **6. 6. Variation**

- 6.1 The basis for allocation of this grant may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above.

#### **7. 7. Overpayments**

- 7.1 Any overpayment of TPG by the ESFA to a local authority shall be repaid by the local authority upon on such terms and conditions as the ESFA or Secretary of State for Education shall determine.

#### **8. 8. Further information**

- 8.1 Books and other documents and records relating to the recipient's accounts shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of State and by the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- 8.2 The Comptroller and Auditor General may, under Section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983, carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the recipient has used its resources in discharging its grant-aided activities.
- 8.3 Schools and local authorities shall provide information as may be required by the Secretary of State to determine whether it has complied with these conditions.