

2024/25 Planned Budget (Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Income and Expenditure Summary)					
	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
A) ESTIMATED 2024/25 DSG ALLOCATION (before academy recoupment and other ESFA direct funding reductions)	537,890,765	122,343,428	66,014,069	3,628,323	729,876,585
% of total DSG by Block	73.7%	16.8%	9.0%	0.5%	
B) 2023/24 DSG ALLOCATION (latest) (please note that final 2023/24 Early Years Block allocation will not be confirmed until July 2024)	509,389,606	116,875,377	44,000,936	3,558,643	673,824,562
C) DIFFERENCE IN DSG ALLOCATION A - B (positive = income increase)	28,501,159	5,468,051	22,013,133	69,680	56,052,023
D) TOTAL ESTIMATED PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2024/25 SCHOOLS BUDGET	537,882,983	143,963,905	67,275,961	3,686,977	752,809,825
E) VALUE OF SPENDING SAFETY NET PROVISION WITHIN PLANNED EXPENDITURE ROW D	0	0	0	0	0
F) VALUE OF 2024/25 SCHOOLS BUDGET (ROW D) PROPOSED TO WRITE OFF DEFICIT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24	0	0	0	0	0
G) TOTAL UNDERSPEND / OVERSPEND ON 2024/25 DSG ALLOCATION A - D (negative = overspend)	7,783	-21,620,477	-1,261,892	-58,654	-22,933,240
H) PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DSG INCOME BETWEEN BLOCKS 2024/25	0	0	0	0	0
I) PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24 TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC AGREED ITEMS INCLUDED IN ROW D	154,335	0	1,261,892	0	1,416,227
J) BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 TO SUPPORT BLOCK OVERSPEND IN 24/25 (POSITIVE) OR UNDER SPEND IN 24/25 TO RETAIN (NEGATIVE)	-162,118	21,620,477	0	58,654	21,517,013
K) ADDITIONAL NON-DSG FUNDS ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT DSG SPENDING ACTIVITY	0	0	0	0	0
L) ESTIMATED FINAL OVER OR UNDER SPEND POSITION BY BLOCK IN 2024/25 G + H + I + J + K (negative = overspend)	0	0	0	0	0
M) ESTIMATED BLOCK BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24 (positive = surplus)	3,295,397	22,646,187	3,854,667	178,717	29,974,969
N) ESTIMATED BLOCK BALANCE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD INTO 2025/26 AFTER ROWS I + J (positive = surplus)	3,303,180	1,025,710	2,592,775	120,063	7,041,729
O) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK DE-DELEGATED / EARLY YEARS FUNDS BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	625,148		71,709		696,857
P) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK GROWTH FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	1,149,175				1,149,175
Q) ESTIMATED SCHOOLS BLOCK FALLING ROLLS FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)	500,000				500,000
R) ESTIMATED EARLY YEARS BLOCK DAF (DISABILITY ACCESS FUND) BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 23/24 WITHIN ROW M (positive = surplus)			544,715		544,715

Further Explanation of the 2024/25 DSG Forecasted Position

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
S) Change in Estimated DSG Income vs. 2023/24 (ROW C) (negative = reduction)					
Adjustment to Schools, High Needs & Central Schools Services Block funding from the net change in pupil / place numbers October 2023 vs. October 2022	1,120,687	265,688		4,629	1,391,003
Transfer of Mainstream Schools Additional Grant (MSAG) funding into the Schools Block	17,065,557				17,065,557
Additional Schools & Central Schools Services Block funding from NFF-led increases in per pupil monies (Primary +1.7%; Secondary +1.7%; CSSB +3.0%)	8,382,957			101,073	8,484,030
Reduction in the Central Schools Services Block from the continued NFF-led reduction in historic commitments funding (reduced by a further 20%)				-36,022	-36,022
Additional RPIX-based allocation for the BSF (PFI) factor within the Schools Block (RPIX at 10.4%)	1,122,357				1,122,357
Change in Schools Block funding for premises related non-NFF factors (Business Rates (NNDR). Inclusive of one off £0.397m reimbursement for 2023/24 cost)	844,396				844,396
Change in Schools Block funding for premises related NFF factor (new NFF Split Sites factor introduced April 2024)	-18,544				-18,544
Change in Schools Block Growth Fund funding (from the net change in pupil numbers October 2023 vs. October 2022 at LSOA level)	-16,250				-16,250
New funding stream within the Schools Block for Falling Rolls introduced by the DfE at April 2023 (highlighting that we do not receive any funding)	0				0
Additional High Needs Block funding as a result of the DfE's National Funding Formula announced in July 2023 (prior to the application of the ceiling)		5,764,277			5,764,277
Impact of the application of the 5.0% per pupil ceiling in the High Needs Block (limiting to + 5.0% per pupil increase; 4.5% cash increase)		-627,802			-627,802
Change in High Needs Block funding related to Education in Hospital / Medical Needs provision (5% increase on the 2023/24 discrete allocation)		65,888			65,888
Existing Entitlements - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 settlement, incorporating entitlement no.s changes - 3&4 Year Olds (+9.9%; excluding EYSG)			3,507,206		3,507,206
Existing Entitlements - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 settlement, incorporating entitlement no.s changes - 2 Year Olds Disadvantage (+42.8%; excluding EYSG)			2,743,142		2,743,142
New Entitlement - Estimated change in Early Years Block 24/25 funding relating to the new 2 Year Old Working Parents Entitlement			8,755,669		8,755,669
New Entitlement - New funding in the Early Years Block for the 'Under 2s' entitlement for working parents from September 2024 (part year 7/12ths allocation)			6,052,808		6,052,808
Estimated change in the Disability Access Fund & Early Years Pupil Premium within the Early Years Block (including changes in rates of funding & extended entitlements)			659,368		659,368
Estimated change in the value of the Maintained Nursery School Supplement within the Early Years Block (including uplifts, estimated numbers adjustments)			294,940		294,940
Total of Change in 2024/25 DSG Income vs. 2023/24	28,501,159	5,468,051	22,013,133	69,680	56,052,023

	Schools Block	High Needs Block	Early Years Block	Central Schools Services Block	Total DSG
T) Highlight of Specific Expenditure Items within 2024/25 Planned Budget shown in ROW D					
New value of De-Delegated funds to be 'top-sliced' from maintained primary & secondary school budgets in 2024/25 within the Schools Block	790,330				790,330
New value of Growth Fund taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block allocation for primary & secondary schools and academies (after recoupment adjustment)	1,119,343				1,119,343
New value of Falling Rolls Fund taken from the 2024/25 Schools Block allocation for primary schools and academies (highlighting that no new budget is taken)	0				0
Cost of (value of) Minimum Funding Guarantee protection for individual primary & secondary schools and academies within the Schools Block (MFG set at +0.5%)	1,296,276				1,296,276
Cost of (value of) Minimum Levels of Per Pupil Funding for primary & secondary schools and academies within the Schools Block (£4,610 primary; £5,995 secondary)	2,170,826				2,170,826
Cost of (value of) DSG Affordability Gap charge for BSF (PFI) within the Schools & High Needs Blocks	8,570,722	1,013,000			9,583,722
New value of the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation (£1.08m 3&4 year olds; £0.40m 2 year olds; £0.083m under 2s)			1,563,000		1,563,000
New value of centrally retained budgets funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation (excluding the contribution to EY SEND services - see below)			1,079,962		1,079,962
New value of budget for SEND centrally managed teaching support services funded from the 2024/25 High Needs Block and Early Years Block		6,546,600	593,000		7,139,600
Estimated Cost of (value of) protection of Maintained Nursery Schools within the Early Years Block (3&4 year old Entitlements)			1,922,947		1,922,947
Estimated cost of the Under 2s Working Parents Entitlement Sept 2023 to March 2024, inclusive of central budget (to show the £1.23m diff between funding and cost)			7,333,162		7,333,162
Funding for additional AP places in response to the increase in the number of permanent exclusions		3,360,000			3,360,000
Funding for additional SEND places under development within the 2024/25 High Needs Block Planned Budget		3,868,667			3,868,667

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U) Compliance with Regulatory Restrictions on Block spending and the movement of monies between DSG blocks					
Planned Schools Block expenditure ROW D (excluding the use of or addition to brought forward balances ROWS I & J) as a % of DSG allocation 2024/25 ROW A	100.00%				
% spend of the 3&4 year olds EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements (excluding MNS protection). Must be <=12%			4.8%		
% spend of the 2 year olds Disadvantage EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			0.0%		
% spend of the 2 year olds Working Parents EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			2.0%		
% spend of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement EYSFF in the Early Years Block on supplements. Must be <=12%			2.0%		
% pass through rate to providers of 3&4 year olds funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			97.4%		
% pass through rate to providers of 2 year olds Disadvantage funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			96.7%		
% pass through rate to providers of 2 year olds Working Parents funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			95.5%		
% pass through rate to providers of Under 2s Working Parents funding in the Early Years Block. Must be >=95%			95.5%		

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V) Planned DSG expenditure 2024/25 ROW D includes the following spending changes against the 2023/24 Planned Budget					
High Needs, Early Years and Central Schools Services Blocks - Adjustment in the cost of the DfE Copyright Licences charge (estimated +10% increase)		65,121	60,953	-73,977	52,097
CSSB - Adjustments to CSSB budgets for pay and inflation funded from the CSSB headroom				148,600	148,600
SB - Primary & Secondary formula funding increased cost (formula as proposed using Oct 2023 Census data) including de-delegated funds	9,473,438				9,473,438
SB - Allocation of transferred Mainstream Schools Additional Grant monies to primary & secondary schools and academies via core funding formula (estimated)	17,065,557				17,065,557
SB - Estimated change in the cost of Business Rates (NNDR) for Maintained Primary & Secondary schools only vs. 23/24 initial planned budget	205,079				205,079
SB - Change in the cost of the Split Site factor for Primary & Secondary schools and academies (new NFF factor)	47,707				47,707
SB - Change in the on-going value of the Growth Fund (including provision for new Growth at September 2024) - Primary Phase	-27,728				-27,728
SB - Change in the on-going value of the Growth Fund (including provision for new Growth at September 2024) - Secondary Phase	350,187				350,187
SB - Change in the cost of 'Implicit Growth' (pupil numbers adjustments for core formula funding for new establishing free schools & academies)	-975,761				-975,761
SB & HNB - Increase in Building Schools for the Future (PFI) DSG Affordability Gap cost, incorporating RPIX increase and re-profiling for academies	567,779	96,000			663,779
EYB - Adjustment for the change in DSG income for Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund (DAF)			937,943		937,943
EYB - Estimated new cost of funding the delivery of the Under 2s Working Parents entitlement from September 2024 (cost of allocations to providers)			7,046,649		7,046,649
EYB - Estimated new cost of funding the delivery of the 2 year olds Working Parents entitlement from April 2024 (cost of allocations to providers)			8,267,601		8,267,601
EYB - Estimated change in the cost of funding the delivery of the 2 year olds Disadvantage entitlement vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget			1,356,612		1,356,612
EYB - Estimated change in the cost of funding the delivery of the 3&4 year olds entitlements vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget (inc. changes in delivered hours)			4,030,608		4,030,608
EYB - Increase in the Early Years SEND Inclusion Fund (EYIF) Budget in response to increase demand and extension to the new entitlements			913,000		913,000
EYB - Change in the value of budget provision, for nursery schools to access de-delegated funds, funded from the 2024/25 Early Years Block allocation			3,211		3,211
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block PVI Area Sencos budget; uplift for pay and inflation, including additional capacity following entitlement expansions			82,000		82,000
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block budget for the Authority's Early Years Function and EYSFF capacity, including uplift for pay and inflation			32,000		32,000
EYB - Adjustment to the Early Years Block contribution to Early Years SEND			227,000		227,000
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of existing special schools and special school academies, includes additional places		1,138,490			1,138,490
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of existing Primary & Secondary School-led resourced provisions, including additional places		494,357			494,357
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Early Years Enhanced Specialist Provisions in Maintained Nursery Schools		250,000			250,000
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Sensory Primary & Secondary LA-led resourced provisions		165,592			165,592
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Primary & Secondary LA-Led resourced provisions SEMH & ASD, including additional places		19,271			19,271
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of PRUs, AP Academies and placements with Alternative Providers		3,213,062			3,213,062
HNB - Estimated change in the Place-Plus formula funding cost of Further Education Settings and SPLs (Post 16 EHCPs)		458,000			458,000
HNB - Estimated growth in the cost of top-up for EHCPs in mainstream primary & secondary schools and academies (pre & post 16), Early Years PVI, Personal Budgets		8,306,000			8,306,000
HNB - Estimated growth in cost of the SEND Funding Floor, including estimated provision for EHCP growth during 2024/25		150,000			150,000
HNB - Estimated change in cost of Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants to special schools, school-led RPs and AP providers vs. the 2023/24 planned budget		17,061			17,061
HNB - Estimated growth in the cost of places in OLA, NMSS and Independent provisions, including medical OLA provisions vs. the 2023/24 planned budget		7,050,000			7,050,000
HNB - Estimated change in the cost of centrally managed Education in Hospital, Tracks and Medical Home Tuition provisions		127,000			127,000

HNB - Estimated change in cost in the allocation of the additional 3.4% in funding per place to Special and PRU / AP as required by the DSG Conditions	11,051	11,051
HNB - capacity building - change in budget provision for additional specialist places not yet allocated to settings to be created over the 2023/24 and 2024/25 academic years	460,000	460,000
HNB - Additional budget for Inclusion Outreach to bring the PRU / AP Academy into this programme (full year basis - budget increases from £240,000 to £300,000)	60,000	60,000
HNB - Change (increase) in cost of SEND Teaching Support Services Budgets, including pay award / inflation provision and Inclusion Investment Plan spending	831,600	831,600
HNB - Net change in the estimated cost of smaller centrally managed HNB budgets (Speech & Language Therapy & specialist equipment)	-33,000	-33,000
Total Value of Change in Planned Spending 2024/25 vs. 2023/24 Planned Budget	26,706,258	22,879,604

High Needs Block

W) Summary of High Needs Block Planned Budget Forecasted Spending 2024/25 by Spending Type

SEND Specialist Places - Special Schools & Special School Academies	39,320,859
SEND Specialist Places - Early Years Resourced Provisions in Maintained Nursery Schools - School Led	1,900,000
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - School Led	6,590,921
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led - Sensory	2,918,051
SEND Specialist Places - Primary & Secondary Resourced Provisions - LA Led - SEMH & ASD	3,540,945
Allocation of the former Teacher Pay and Pensions Grants to special schools, school-led resourced provisions and AP providers	1,556,793
Special Schools & PRUs / AP - Outreach	300,000
AP - Specialist Places - PRUs, AP Academies & Alternative Providers	7,279,766
Top-up for EHCPs in mainstream schools & academies (excluding the SEND Funding Floor), EY PVI EHCPs, Personal Budgets	24,410,000
SEND Funding Floor for mainstream primary & secondary schools and academies	2,800,000
Element 2 and Top-up funding for EHCPs in the Further Education & SPLs sector (Post 16)	9,466,000
Cost of out of Authority / Independent / NMSS Placements	28,800,000
SEND Teaching Support Services funded by the High Needs Block	6,546,600
Other Small Centrally Managed Budgets (Copyright Licences, Speech & Language Therapy, Specialist Equipment)	538,266
Centrally Managed - Hospital Education (inc. OLA / independent), Tracks and Medical Home Tuition	1,710,000
BSF / PFI DSG High Needs Block Affordability Gap	1,013,000
SEND Specialist Places - Further budget provision for new places under development (still to go through statutory processes)	3,868,667
Allocation to continue the additional 3.4% in funding per place to Special and PRU / AP as required by the DSG Conditions	1,404,037
Total Planned High Needs Block Budget 2024/25	143,963,905

X) Schools Block 2024/25 - Phase Breakdown

Primary - value of specific phase-led funding (EGUF of £5,181 per pupil) within the Schools Block	274,628,095
Primary - value of specific phase-led core formula funding spending within the Schools Block, excluding implicit growth, before the use of reserve balances	275,408,536
Primary - Difference (positive = higher spend) *	780,442
Secondary - value of specific phase-led funding (EGUF of £6,888 per pupil) within the Schools Block	247,627,439
Secondary - value of specific phase-led core formula funding spending within the Schools Block, excluding implicit growth, before the use of reserve balances	247,956,025
Secondary - Difference (positive = higher spend) *	328,587

* note that these calculations exclude spending from combined-phase budgets (where a single non-phase specific allocation is received within the Schools Block e.g. Growth Fund, Falling Rolls Fund, Business Rates)

Notes to the Table Above (referenced by row A to R)

A) Estimated DSG 2024/25 allocation

As announced by the DfE on 19 December 2023. The DSG allocation across the 4 blocks at local authority level now follows a National Funding Formula methodology.

Local authorities are permitted to transfer monies between the Early Years, Central Schools Services and High Needs Blocks provided that, for the Early Years Block, the central spending restriction of 5% is not breached. Local authorities are permitted to transfer monies into the Schools Block from other blocks. However, the Schools Block itself is 'ring-fenced', except that a maximum of 0.5% of the Schools Block can be transferred to the High Needs Block with the approval of the Schools Forum following consultation with schools. Transfers of a value greater than 0.5% require Secretary of State approval.

The Schools Block and High Needs Block values are shown prior to recoupment and NNDR deductions for academies. The ESFA funds academies directly and deducts this cost from the DSG paid to the Local Authority.

The Central Schools Services Block was established at April 2018. A no. of items previously funded in the Schools Block are transferred. This ended Schools Block 'topslicing' for all but de-delegated funds and Growth / Falling Rolls Funds. The Central Schools Services Block contains within it a sum of £144,091 relating to historic commitments. This is reduced by 20% on the value funded in 2023/24 and is expected to reduce further in 2025/26 and eventually cease. The Central Schools Services Block income is otherwise calculated on the formula of £39.17 per pupil x October 2023 census numbers (primary & secondary numbers only).

There are elements of High Needs Block income that are still to be confirmed, including the adjustment for imports and exports between authority areas. We were set to receive an increase of 5.0% per pupil in funding through the High Needs Block National Funding Formula (NFF) in 2024/25, as announced in July 2023. The High Needs Block includes a specific allocation for Education in Hospital provision of £2.26m. We still await the publication of the DfE's consultation on future funding arrangements in this area. Within the NFF there is an allocation of £4,661 for all places in special schools occupied in Oct 2023. We have 57 more pupils in our special schools and in independent special schools and have received £266k more funding through this NFF factor.

Early Years Block income is significantly estimated and will only be confirmed following the collection of Jan 2024 and Jan 2025 censuses. Cash income estimates are calculated using the DfE's numbers, which go back to the January 2023 Census and are also based on working estimates of delivery of the newly establishing 2 year old and under 2s entitlements for eligible working parents.

Our confirmed Early Years Block 3 / 4 year old rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is

£5,273	£5.55	per hour
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This 2024/25 3 & 4 year old funding rate is (+ 9.9%) per hour compared with 2023/24, prior to the addition of the Early Years Supplementary Grant

Our confirmed Early Years Block 2 year old Disadvantage rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is

£7,638	£8.04	per hour
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This 2024/25 2 year old funding rates is + 42.8% per hour compared with 2023/24, prior to the addition of the Early Years Supplementary Grant

Our confirmed Early Years Block 2 year old Working Parents rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is

£7,638	£8.04	per hour
£10,422	£10.97	per hour

Our confirmed Early Years Block Under 2s Working Parents rate of funding per FTE pupil / per hour received from the DfE in 2024/25 is

£1,629,197		
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The estimate of Early Years Block income includes the Maintained Nursery School Supplement at an estimated value of

Under National Funding Formula, the Schools Block is now funded on phase-specific primary and secondary £apps plus specific additional cash allocations for premises and for other factors.

The phase-specific £app allocations for core formula funding are detailed above in section X.

The additional Schools Block cash allocations for 2024/25 are as follows:

Business Rates (NNDR)	4,583,380	allocated on the 2023/24 planned budget
Split Sites	406,854	allocated on the DfE's new NFF-led split sites factor
PFI (Building Schools for the Future)	8,835,249	allocated on the 2023/24 planned budget + RPIX
In year Growth (explicit and implicit)	1,809,749	allocated via the DfE National Funding Formula
Total Schools Block Additional Cash Allocations	15,635,232	

B) 2023/24 DSG allocation

The 2023/24 DSG figures for the Schools, High Needs and Central Schools Services Blocks match the allocations published by the DfE, updated in November 2023. The 2023/24 Early Years Block figure is still estimated and still based on January 2023 Census numbers. The final allocation will only be confirmed in July 2024 (with 7/12ths based on January 2024 numbers)

C) Difference in DSG allocation

This row shows by how much the 2024/25 DSG allocation is estimated to increase or to reduce by vs. the current 2023/24 DSG figures. A breakdown of the reasons for growth or reduction in income is given in Section S.

D) Total estimated planned expenditure 2024/25 Schools Budget

This row shows the total planned expenditure by block, which incorporates all items and adjustments listed under Section V of this report. Any changes to these items will affect the total block positions shown in Row G and Row L. The main recommendations document (Document RC) lists the key decisions that form the basis of the calculations. Costs in the Schools Block and High Needs Block are calculated on the assumption that the Schools Forum will recommend the formula funding proposals that have already been set out for consultation. Costs in the Early Years Block are calculated on the assumption that the Early Years Single Funding Formula, as proposed in Document QW (but still to go through wider consultation with providers), will be agreed and implemented. Planned High Needs Block expenditure is calculated on the planned places presented in Document RB Appendix 2. Planned Central Schools Services Block expenditure, and centrally managed funds held within the Schools and Early Years Blocks, are shown in more detail in Document QZ Appendix 1. Please note that the final cost of business rates (NNDR) to be charged to the Schools Block in 2024/25, in respect of maintained schools, is still to be confirmed. The charges are currently based on estimates. Please note however, that the NNDR charges to the 2024/25 Schools Block, in respect of academies, will not change from the figures we have used within the planned budget calculations.

E) Value of spending safety net

This row shows that there is no safety net provision (unallocated contingency provision) held within the 2024/25 DSG planned budget. Any increases in costs during 2024/25, that cannot be met elsewhere within the 2024/25 planned budget, will be required to be met from balances brought forward (or from the 2025/26 Dedicated Schools Grant allocation).

F) Value of 2024/25 Schools Budget proposed to write off a deficit balance brought forward from 2023/24

This row confirms that no value of Schools Budget in 2024/25 is being allocated to write off a deficit balance brought forward from 2023/24.

G) Total underspend / overspend on 2024/25 DSG allocation

This row shows the difference between total planned expenditure (Row D) and total DSG income (Row A) in 2024/25, by block. It shows the position before brought forward balances (reserves) are allocated in support of the expenditure, that is already included within 2024/25 Schools Budget Row D. It also shows the position before the transfer of any monies between blocks.

H) Proposed transfer of DSG income between blocks 2024/25

This row confirms that there are no transfers of income between DSG blocks in 2024/25.

I) Proposed allocation of balance brought forward from 2023/24 to support specific agreed items

This row shows the allocation of balances brought forward from 2023/24 (reserves) to specific expenditure items in 2024/25, which are:
a) the allocation of an estimated £1.262m of Early Years Block reserve balance to support the cost of our the Early Years Single Funding Formula in 2024/25, the the DFE's confirmation of the 26 vs. 22 weeks funding issue.
b) the allocation of £0.154m to cover the estimated increased cost of NNDR for maintained schools (prior to reimbursement for this increase in 2025/26).

J) Proposed allocation of balance brought forward from 2023/24 to support block spend in 2024/25 (positive) or to Retain (negative)

For the Schools Block, this row shows the small underspend of £0.162m against the full Schools Block allocation, prior to the additional NNDR cost. For the High Needs Block, this row shows the allocation of £21.621m of High Needs Block balance to cover the estimated gap between expenditure and income in 2024/25. Please see Document RB (DSG Management Plan). For the Central Schools Services Block (CSSB), this shows the allocation of £0.06m of CSSB balance to the cover the estimated small gap between expenditure and income in 2024/25.

K) Additional non-DSG funds allocated to support DSG spending activity

This row confirms that there is no additional non-DSG sourced income allocated into the 2024/25 DSG planned budget.

L) Estimated final over or underspend position by block in 2024/25

This row shows the final 'balancing' position (to zero) of the DSG planned budget by block, and in total, after the allocation of brought forward balances (reserves) in support of expenditure. Row M then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated values of balances to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row N then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 2) the estimated values of balances to be carried forward into 2025/26. Row O then shows (repeats from Document QZ Appendix 2) the estimated total value of Schools Block de-delegated funds balances to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row P then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Schools Block Growth Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24. Row Q then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Schools Block Falling Rolls Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24.

Row R then shows (repeats from Document QY Appendix 1) the estimated value of the Early Years Block DAF Fund balance to be brought forward from 2023/24.