

SCHOOLS' FORUM

15th September 2022

UPDATE ON HOMES FOR UKRAINE EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE GRANT

The DfE Homes for Ukraine education and childcare grant conditions of funding guidance was published on 23rd August 2022 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-for-ukraine-education-and-childcare-funding/homes-for-ukraine-education-and-childcare-grant-conditions-of-funding along with the allocations for Local Authorities.

This Grant can only be used for provision of services for children who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route, and not for those who have entered the country via any other scheme. The per pupil amounts include support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). If a local authority receives a funding allocation for a child living in their area, but being educated in another area, the DfE expects the local authority to passport an appropriate amount to the local authority in which the maintained school or academy trust is providing the school place.

The first payment, made in August 2022, was a payment in arrears to cover one-quarter of the annual tariff for those aged 2 - 18 who arrived in the authority in the time period 1 March 2022 to 31 May 2022; for Rutland this amounted to £23,800.00.

The remaining payment of three-quarters of the annual tariff (to cover the subsequent 9 months) will be made alongside the payment for arrivals in quarter 2. All future payments after the first quarter will provide the total amount of pro-rata funding per child for the 2022 to 2023 financial year.

Payment amounts are based on the age of the child on the date he or she arrives in the authority. The allocation of funding for each phase of education is:

Phase (Age)	Funding per child	Quarter 1 initial payment amount (March to May 2022)	Quarter 2 (June to August 2022) (Q1 balance payment amount March to May 2022)	Quarter 3 payment amount (September to November 2022)	Quarter 4 payment amount (December 2022 to February 2023)
Early years (2 to 4)	£3,000	Quarter 1 £750	Quarter 1 £2,250 Quarter 2 £2,250	Quarter 3 £1,500	Quarter 4 £750
Primary (5 to 11)	£6,580	Quarter 1 £1,645	Quarter 1 £4,935 Quarter 2 £4,935	Quarter 3 £3,290	Quarter 4 £1,645

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Secondary (11 to 18)	£8,755	Quarter 1 £2,189	Quarter 1 £6,566 Quarter 2 £6,566	Quarter 3 £4,378	Quarter 4 £2,189

Local authorities must consult schools about how to use funding to support eligible pupils. To achieve this, Rutland Schools Forum has set up a working party to consider options for recommendation to Schools Forum. The first meeting was set up for 7th July 2022, however the DfE guidance had not been published at that time meaning that suggestions could only be discussed based on limited information available to the group. It was felt that sharing of good practice, and potential pooling of resources to commission additional support could be beneficial, however further discussion would be required as to the distribution of funding would be considered once the Guidance was published.

The group has a further meeting booked on Thursday 9th September which will reflect on the guidance now available and will feedback recommendations to Schools Forum on 15th September 2022.