

DfE Delivering Better Value

SEND Recovery and Improvement

Capital priorities

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— DfE Delivering Better Value in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Grant Funding

- £1 million investment against key priorities, specific time scaled action plan
- Quarterly review through DSG management plan
- DfE needs to see demonstrated return on investment over 5 years
- Building on the SEND Recovery Plan
 - Iterate to an Improvement Plan
 - Undertake refresh of Inclusion Strategy
 - Incorporate learning from Area SEND Inspection
 - DfE SEND and AP Improvement Plan direction of travel
- Adapt Governance and oversight for the next phase of delivery, including more engaged partner, children's and parental involvement in planning and delivery and review.

— Findings and what we need to do

- Emerging themes from DBV analysis lead into Grant application content July/August 2023
- Programme Delivery phase July 2023-March 2025
- DfE clawback if not spent
- Projects must be 'new' or adding to existing ideas to make do them quantifiably additional

Areas for focus

- Increase numbers of children who get emerging needs met and reduce likely progression to EHCP.
- Avoidance of specialist placements, use funds smarter locally
- Alongside this improve primary school space and buildings- capital projects Autumn-Winter 23/34, investment in inclusion practice.
- Create increased parental and school staff confidence in meeting needs locally.

— Capital programme to increase mainstream inclusion capacity

Proposal total available £1million

Mainstream Plus Primary up to 3 class groups across schools

Develop and equip- Expression of Interest process Autumn 2023

Primary nurturing environments likely 8 across county

Develop, minor refurb through straightforward grant type process Autumn 2023

Alternative Provision development- 1 Secondary site/ maybe Primary

Develop and equip - EOI