

## Appendix N. Dedicated Schools Grant and the Schools budget

### THE 2023-24 DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG)

On 19th December 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) published the DSG allocations for 2023-24. Full details can be found on the DfE website at the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dedicated-schools-grant-dsg-2024-to-2025>

The headline numbers are included in the draft budget with the detail to be provided in the final budget.

The DSG announcement made by the DfE in December 20223 included the Schools Block, the Central Services Schools Block, the High Needs Block and Early Years Block (indicative). The actual amount to be received by the local authority during the 2032/24 financial years is subject to change and will be amended to reflect recoupment for academies. The current proposed 2023-24 allocations for Rutland are set out in table below, which also provides for comparison the 2023-24 allocations.

<b>Dedicated Schools Block</b>	<b>2024/25 £m</b>	<b>2023/24 £m</b>	<b>Change £m</b>
Schools Block	31.644	30.294	1.350
High Needs Block	5.882	5.656	0.226
Central Services Schools Block	0.208	0.198	0.010
Early Years Block*	2.598	1.609	0.989
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.332</b>	<b>37.757</b>	<b>2.575</b>

\*Includes new duties for wraparound childcare

#### **Schools Block**

- 1.1. The Council follows the [national funding formula](#) with no centrally retained funds. Schools forum approved the maximum 0.5% transfer from the schools block to the high needs blocks.
- 1.2. The three units of funding for Rutland County Council for 2024/25 have been set as follows:
  - a) Primary Basic Entitlement Funding is £3,546 (£3,394 in 2023/24)
  - b) Key Stage 3 Basic Entitlement Funding is £5,006 (£4,785 in 2023/24)
  - c) Key Stage 4 Basic Entitlement Funding is £5,645 (£5,393.00 in 2023/24)

#### **High Needs Block**

- 1.3. The decision making for spend on high needs activities rests with the Local Authority and the final decisions on budget allocations will be presented in the final budget.

#### **Central Services Block**

- 1.4. This funding is retained by the Council to meet its statutory responsibilities for

Education and schools funding.

### Early Years Block

- 1.5. The table below shows the hourly rates the Council will receive for each type of care. Final rates to be passported to service providers will be provided within the final budget

<b>Early Years Block Hourly Rates</b>	<b>2024/25 £</b>	<b>2023/24 £</b>	<b>Change £</b>
3 and 4 Year Old Funding	5.47	5.20	0.27
2 Year Old Funding	6.98	5.63	1.35
Under 2 Year Old Funding*	9.45	-	-

\*Introduced in 2024/25

- 1.6. The proposed 2024/25 Early Years Funding rate is shown in the table below.

<b>Group</b>	<b>DfE Rate</b>	<b>RCC Rate to Providers 24/25</b>	<b>RCC Rate to Providers 23/24</b>
Under 2s	£9.45	£9.45	-
2 Year Olds	£6.98	£6.65	£5.63
3 & 4 Year Olds	£5.47	£5.20	£4.64

- 1.7. The budget has been set in line with the Operational Guide issued by the DfE, which can be found on this [link](#)