



To all Headteachers and Principals
All Schools, Academies and Free Schools

14 December 2015

Dear Colleagues

Invitation to Bid for Additional Funding from Last Year's DSG Underspend

As you are probably aware, there was an underspend of £505,000 in the financial year 2014-15. A request has been made to use some of this underspend for a school where pupil numbers have grown substantially within the year and it is the role of the Rutland Schools' Forum to decide how to manage that underspend.

After considerable discussion, the Schools' Forum made the following decision:

'The DECISION concerning the use of the 2014/2015 underspend would comprise two elements:

- 1. Schools affected by military movements would be invited to submit a bid to Schools' Forum for funding. The application should include funding figures received by MOD. The formula used for Cottesmore previously would be used for this element. (See footnote.)*
- 2. The remaining sums from the underspend would then be distributed to all schools based on the 2016/17 funding formula. The Council would do its best to complete this so that the distribution to all schools would take place in January 2016.*

Footnote: The Cottesmore Formula

The school identifies the increase in pupil numbers over the school year. (For example Cottesmore was originally funded for 127 pupils; by September they had 197 Pupils). RCC then averaged the figure for the year (average used was 179). The difference in funding was identified between:

- what the school received under funding formula; and*
- what they would have received under the same formula using new number of pupils.*

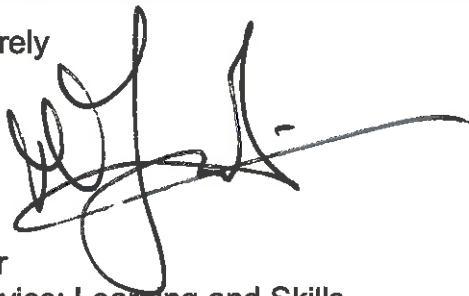
Any MOD grant funding received by school was then deducted from this sum and the balance was paid to school.'

Consequently, on behalf of the Schools' Forum, I am inviting you to submit a bid if these criteria apply to you.

The bids should be submitted to the new Clerk of the Schools' Forum, Jane Narey (jnarey@rutland.gov.uk) by no later than 20 December 2015.

Please note that the Clerk of the Forum can only implement decisions of the Schools' Forum; we cannot interpret nor amend the decision. However, if you seek further clarification, please contact the Chair of the Schools' Forum, Jan Turner (Email: principal@ucc.rutland.sch.uk /Tel. 01572 823631)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Fowler', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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