

Briefing note

Grant Funding 2025/26.

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Purpose School grant funding available in 2025/26

PE & Sport Premium

The Department for Education (DfE) have confirmed the details of the PE & Sports Grant for 2024/25 to give more children access to high quality PE lessons and sporting opportunities.

Allocations for the academic year 2024/25 were calculated using the number of pupils in years 1 to 6, as recorded in the January 2024 census, as follows:

- schools with 17 or more pupils receive £16,000 plus £10 per pupil
- schools with 16 or fewer pupils receive £1,000 per pupil

The allocations will be paid to schools in November 2024 and May 2025.

The grant is allocated per academic year with the current funding being agreed until August 2024. Further announcements on this grant funding are expected in the Spring. More information can be found [here](#).

Pupil Premium

The DfE has confirmed funding rates will increase by 2.39% in 2025/26 compared to 2024/25 rates.

Funding Element	Primary Pupils	Secondary Pupils	Funding is paid to
Pupils eligible for FSM or have been eligible in the past 6 years	£1,515	£1,075	School
Pupils previously looked after by the LA	£2,630	£2,630	School
Pupils who are looked after by the LA	£2,630	£2,630	Local Authority
Pupils from service families	£350	£350	School

Universal Infant Free School Meals

The government have confirmed that the universal infant free school meals grant will continue during the 2024/25 academic year and the rate will increase to £2.58 (£2.53 for the 2023/24 academic year) per meal. The final allocations and grant conditions for the 2024/25 academic year can be found [here](#).

Teachers' Pay Additional Grant (TPAG)

The DfE announced in July 2023, £525 million in 2023 to 2024 to support schools with the September 2023 teachers' pay award, with a further £900 million in 2024 to 2025. The funding for some school types/phases has been rolled into the relevant funding block with others continuing to be paid as separate grant funding as follows:

School Phase/Type	2024/25	2025/26
Early Years	Rolled into the early years block and paid to school nursery classes with staff on teachers pay and conditions as a Quality Supplement	Will continue to be paid to school nursery classes as a Quality Supplement
Mainstream Schools	Paid to schools as an individual grant	Rolled into the schools block funding and will be paid as part of the school budget share
High Needs	Paid to special schools as an individual grant	Funding combined into a single Core School Budget Grant (CSBG), see CSBG table below
Post-16	Paid to schools as an individual grant.	Will continue to be paid to schools as an additional grant separate from core allocations

Teachers' Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG)

The DfE published the outcome of the valuation of the teachers' pension scheme, this confirmed the employer contribution rate would be increased by 5% to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. Support for the increase was given through the TPECG. Funding for some school types/phases has been rolled into the relevant funding block with others continuing to be paid as separate grant funding as follows:

School Phase/Type	2024/25	2025/26
Early Years	Rolled into the early years block and paid to school nursery classes with staff on teachers pay and conditions as a Quality Supplement	Will continue to be paid to school nursery classes as a Quality Supplement
Mainstream Schools	Paid to schools as an individual grant	Rolled into the schools block funding and will be paid as part of the school budget share
High Needs	Paid to special schools as an individual grant	Funding combined into a single Core School Budget Grant (CSBG), see CSBG table below
Post-16	Paid to schools as an individual grant	Will continue to be paid to schools as an additional grant separate from core allocations

Core School Budget Grant (CSBG)

The CSBG is providing almost £1.1 billion to support schools with their overall costs in the 2024 to 2025 financial year, in particular following confirmation of the 2024 teacher pay award.

School Phase/Type	2024/25	2025/26
Early Years (Early Years Budget grant)	Paid to school nursery classes with staff on teachers' pay and conditions as an individual grant	Will continue to be paid to school nursery classes as an individual grant
Mainstream Schools	Paid to schools as an individual grant	Rolled into the schools block funding and will be paid as part of the school budget share
High Needs	Paid to special schools as an individual grant	TPAG, TPECG & CSBG combined into a single CSBG and will continue to be paid to special schools as an individual grant. NIC grant funding will also be will also be delivered through the CSBG
Post-16 (Post-16 Budget Grant)	Paid to schools as an individual grant for the 2024/25 academic year	For academic year 2025/26 this has been included in the national funding formula rate

National Insurance Grant

The DfE have confirmed how they will provide details of support for schools with the increase in employer National Insurance contributions.

School Phase/Type	2025/26
Early Years (Early Years Budget grant)	Funding will be paid to LA's to distribute to eligible providers at a rate per part time equivalent child. Allocations will be published in May 2025 to be paid to schools in October 2025.
Mainstream Schools	Grant will be calculated on a per pupil basis, with a lump of £2,400 and additional funding for schools with special units and resourced provision, this will be paid to LA's for payment to schools in October 2025. A calculator tool is available for estimated allocations. To be incorporated into the national funding formula in 2026/27.
High Needs	To be delivered through the CSBG, allocations will be published in May 2025 for payments to schools in June and October 2025, with updated allocations and final payments in March 2026.
Post-16 (Post-16 Budget Grant)	To be delivered through the Post-16 NIC grant 2025/26. Allocations will be published in May 2025 with payment as a single payment in September 2025.

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