

4. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT 2019/20 FINAL OUTTURN

June 2020



The Council receives funding for schools through the Dedicated Schools Grant. The grant funds expenditure either directly through the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) or incurred by the Council on behalf of schools. Any over or underspends on the DSG are carried forward. The distribution of the ISB element of the grant is in accordance with the schools funding formula and the overall DSG has to be approved by the Schools Forum.

	£m
Final DSG Allocation 2019/20 (March 2020 notification)	205.531
Made up of:	
Schools Block	154.619
Central Services Block	3.709
High Needs Block	30.166
Early Years Block	17.037

Plymouth received additional High Needs funding in 2019/20 of £0.550m; this was included in the budget.

	£m
DSG Allocation	205.531
Deductions & Adjustments:	
Academies recoupment	(129.633)
High Needs deductions	(6.207)
Retained ESG (allocation to LA)	(0.586)
Retained ESG shortfall (allocation to LA)	(0.136)
Additional Post 16 income	0.130
2018/19 EY Adjustment	0.272
DSG to allocate	69.371
Actually allocated 2019/20	68.495
Under allocation	0.876
High Needs 2019/20 additional funding – included in forecast	(0.117)
Early Years 2019/20 additional funding – included in forecast	(0.426)
Under allocation to report	0.333

The 2019/20 DSG allocation was increased due to the following:

- Additional £0.108m received through High Needs Block due to increase in import/export funding. There was also a small £0.009m adjustment at the beginning of the year relating to a change in deductions compared to the estimate at budget setting.
- Additional £0.426m received through Early Years Block due to increased uptake 2019/20

- Additional £0.272m received relating to 2018/19 Early Years Block.

The final in-year overspend on DSG was £0.931m (previous forecast £0.991m) made up of:

Schools Block – underspend of (£0.095m); year-end balance of growth fund

Central Services – underspend of (£0.004m) on Schools Forum budget

High Needs block – overspend of £1.190m (previous forecast £1.198m)

Early Years block – underspend of (£0.161m) (previous forecast £0.112m)

The detailed breakdown of the outturn accompanies this report.

DSG BALANCE

The table below shows the year end forecast DSG balance.

DSG Balance Reconciliation (£m)	
Balance b/f from 2018/19 (surplus)	(0.589)
Actual overspend 2019/20	0.931
Under allocation	(0.333)
Year End adjustments - Post 16 HN funding (£16k) not included above and balance on contingency pot (£26k historic rates adjs)	0.042
Final EHVB payment	0.151
Final year end DSG deficit balance	0.202
Deficit as % of total DSG funding	0.1%

The previous reported balance forecast was a deficit of £0.219m.