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Dear Colleague

Special School Budget Share 2023/24

Below are the details of your school budget for the 2023/24 financial year.

School	Pre-16			Post-16			Base Funding
	Funded Places April 2023	Funded Places Sept 2023	Average Annual Places	Funded Places April 2023	Funded Places Sept 2023	Average Annual Places	
The Redway	165	165	165	16	16	16	£1,810,000
Romans Field	66	66	66	-	-	-	£660,000
Slated Row	176	176	176	52	52	52	£2,280,000
The Walnuts	178	178	178	24	24	24	£2,020,000
White Spire	133	133	133	32	32	32	£1,650,000
Stephenson Academy	97	117	109	40	40	40	£1,486,667
Additional places not yet allocated	-	25	15	-	-	-	£145,833

Commissioned places in special schools will continue to be funded at £10k per place in 2023/24 from the high needs block. The place funding amount is set by the DfE. It should be noted that place funding for academy settings will be deducted from the main Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and paid to schools and settings direct from the ESFA.

Top Up Rates 2023/24

A special school protection will continue to apply to special schools in 2023/24. The level of the minimum funding guarantee has been set at 3%. The comparison will be with schools 2021/22 funding baselines. The MFG will apply to the combined place and top-up funding on a per pupil basis, assuming the number and type of places remains the same. Compliance with the MFG has been checked as part of the final budget.

The top up funding model was introduced in September 2018 and consisted of five banding rates applied to all six special schools. Bandings for 2023/24 have been increased by 3% compared to the 2022/23 amounts. There is a fixed funding arrangement in place with Stephenson Academy post 16 outside of these banding rates.

	Band E	Band D	Band C	Band B	Band A
	£	£	£	£	£
2023/24	5,067	7,889	15,749	25,884	33,775

If you have any queries with the content of this letter, please email schoolsfinance@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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