

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](#).

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)

In October 2023 the DfE published the outcome of the valuation of the teachers' pension scheme, this confirmed the employer contribution rate would be increased by 5 percentage points to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. Funding to support the increase was given through the TPECG. 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:

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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.

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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
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 they will provide details of how they will support local authorities and schools with the increase in employer National Insurance contributions in March 2025.