

Schools Forum, Tuesday 12th November 2019, 5pm Civic Suite

Funding Increase Request from Our Special Schools

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Schools Forum is requested to consider the following request from special schools, to the local authority:

We understand that Solihull will receive at least a £2.5m increase in high needs block grant in 2020-21, representing an 8.9% increase on the level of grant received in 2019-20.

The top-up rates / bands applicable to special schools have remained largely unchanged in real terms since their inception in 2013-14.

Mainstream schools will see national funding formula rates rise by 4% with a minimum increase per pupil of 1.84%. Special schools request that our budgets are increased please by 4%, failing this by a minimum of 1.84% per pupil.

We appreciate the high needs block is under significant pressure but it is imperative that special schools receive at least inflationary increases to our budgets.