

<u>Glossary</u>	
Central Services Block	<p>This is one of four blocks of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocated to local authorities to carry out functions on behalf of pupils in both maintained schools and academies. There are two distinct elements within this block:</p> <p>the 'ongoing responsibilities', comprising of funds previously separately specified by the Department for Education (DfE) and retained centrally (admissions, copyright licenses and servicing schools forum).</p> <p>the 'historic commitments' previously known as 'combined services'.</p>
Early Years Block	<p>The early years block funds all factors relating to three and four-year-olds and disadvantaged two-year-olds in nurseries, private, voluntary and independent settings, and maintained schools.</p>
High Needs Block	<p>The high needs block covers place funding for special schools/academies and units, top-up funding for high needs pupils, alternative provision and education otherwise than at school, and funding for local authority central special educational; needs services.</p>
Minimum Funding Guarantee	<p>The MFG stipulates the minimum amount by which a school's budget must increase (or maximum decrease) when compared with its budget for the previous year, before allowing for changes in pupil numbers. Some specific items of expenditure (such as rates and resources specifically assigned to individual pupils with special needs) are excluded from the coverage of the MFG. The local authority can modify the operation of the MFG with the approval of the Secretary of State</p>
National Funding Formula	<p>National Funding Formula DfE has published proposals for a new national funding formula for schools, high needs and early years funding. In March 2016 DfE published proposals to make the distribution of schools and high needs funding fairer, and in August 2016 DfE published proposals on early years funding reforms.</p>
Soft Funding Formula	<p>The DfE will moved to a national funding formula at Local Authority level. The DfE use the national funding formula to calculate LAs' funding allocations, LAs can still determine individual schools' funding allocations through their local formula.</p>
Schools Block	<p>The schools block will fund all primary and secondary schools pupils that are not funded through high needs or early years blocks.</p>
TPG & TPECG	<p>Teacher's Pay Grant and Teacher's Pension Grant. This funding covers the cost of the increase in the employer contribution rate of the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) from 16.4% to 23.6%, from September 2019.</p>