

September 2020 Budget Guidance Update

This month

- CFR Update
- New details on Pay and Pension Grants
- Additional part of the National Tutoring Programme

Update to CFR guidance

There has been an update to the CFR guidance on account of funding related to covid-19. There will now be four lines on I18: additional grant for schools as follows.

I18: income from other additional grants, including:

- secondary schools to release a PE teacher to work with local primary schools
- primary PE and sports grant
- universal infant free school meal funding
- free school meal supplementary grant

I18A: income from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for staff who were furloughed by the school.

I18B: income from the DfE grant scheme for reimbursing exceptional costs associated with COVID-19 that were incurred between March and July 2020.

I18C: income from the £1bn COVID-19 catch-up package announced on 20 July 2020, and any other grants specifically associated with COVID-19, such as Digital Education Platforms. We will update this section if any further grants are announced in connection with COVID-19.

The education people will be sending a procedure to create these codes shortly.

Pay and Pension Grants

The ESFA have announced that for maintained special schools and pupil referral units they will use place numbers from 2019/20 to allocate the Teachers Pay Grant for the September 2020 to March 2021 allocations. This is because the local authority 2020/21 financial year budget return (section 251) was cancelled due to coronavirus so they hold no more up to date information.

Also, the ESFA have announced that there will be no claims process for the supplementary fund or centrally employed teachers this year.

Our understanding of the pension grant is unchanged in other respects and the information submitted last year will be reused. This is unlikely to significantly affect schools unless there has been a significant change in teaching staff arrangements.

As previously expected, it is now confirmed that these grants will be rolled into the DSG formula funding from next year. Therefore, maintained schools will continue to receive Pay Grant, TPECG and supplementary funding until March 2021. Further detail about how these grants will be incorporated into the mainstream formula and high needs rates will be forthcoming in due course.

National Tutoring Programme

A third part of this programme for the 2020/21 academic year has been revealed.

A reception year early language programme that will make training and resources available at no-cost to schools where additional targeted support for oral language would be particularly beneficial

[Further details](#) of the programme are available online.