

Schools' Block Working Group – 23/02/2026

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

2:00pm to 3:00pm

Attendees	Initials	Organisation	Present
Tyrone Myton (Chair)	TM	Shirley Performing Arts College	✓
Markie Hayden	MH	Norbury High Schools for Girls	✓
Mark Humphreys	MHu	St Thomas Becket, Catholic Primary	X
Dan Bowden	DB	Greenvale Primary School	✓
Chris Andrew	CA	St James the Great Primary School	X
Clare Cranham	CC	Kensington Avenue Primary School	X
Jenny Bartlett	JB	Head of Finance	X
Susanna Roe	SR	Principal Accountant	✓
Yetsie Adeboye	YA	Principal Accountant	✓
Abioye Asimolowo	AA	Finance Manager	X
Shelley Davies	SD	Director of Education	✓
Miriam Sechere	MS	Acting Head Education Services	X
Mori Bates	MB	Clerk	X

Item	Agenda	Lead
1	Welcome and apologies	TM
	1.1 Apologies received from CA and CC. AA, MB & JB.	
2	Previous Minutes	TM
	2.1 Previous minutes read and reviewed – agreed to be a true record.	
3	Dedicated Schools Grant – 2025-26 Growth Fund Budget Update and 2026-27 Growth Fund Budget proposal Schools	SR
	3.1 SR presented the working group with a paper on the Dedicated Schools Grant – 2025-26 Growth Fund Budget Update and 2026-27 Growth Fund Budget proposal. 3.2 It was requested the Schools Block group note the 2025/26 forecast outturn of the Growth Fund Budget and recommend to Schools Forum to approve to utilise the 2025/26 Equipment/Education funding to support KS4 Pupils in Alternative Provision/therapies, and recommend to Schools Forum to approve the 2026/27 Growth Fund Budget. 3.3 This report sets out three essential updates and a recommendation for the School's Forum to note the following: (a) Background of (Schools Block) Growth funding, (b) Determination of growth funding allocation, (c) Accounting Treatment of under/Overspend at the end of year. 3.4 Expansion and Bulge – it was noted the figure stated relates to historic expansion and bulge, in relation to an existing arrangement. These pupils (growth in pupil number) are funded	

	based on the Average Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) rate, from the growth fund. The funding is provided to cover the period from September to March, as the class will then be recorded on the October census. 3.5 Match funding for the AP taskforce – it was noted the true figure is £55K, following SR audit trail. 3.6 Equipment/Environment (mainly for school's block schools presently accommodating children with AEN) and KS4 Pupils in Alternative Provision/therapies – it was agreed to recommend to Schools Forum to utilise the £250,000 Equipment/Environment funds to support the KS4 Pupils in Alternative Provision/therapies and for these totals to be merged as one overall total.	
5	Any Other Business	ALL
	None	

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2026