

Growth Fund Appendix H: Good and Outstanding School with Surplus Places

The DfE announced that following the review of funding arrangements for 2013/14, Local Authorities would now have the additional discretion through the Growth Fund of allocating additional funding to schools with falling rolls. The rationale as set out in the Findings from the Review of 2013-14 is set out in Appendix G.

Prior to the introduction of the National Funding Formula, Waltham Forest introduced a scheme from April 2011 whereby 6FE secondary schools with surplus capacity above 20% were given additional funding to offset staffing costs. These schools received funding for up to 725 pupils (100% capacity = 900 pupils). The Schools initially within the scheme were Rush Croft, The Lammas and Buxton, although in 2012-13 only Buxton received any funding which amounted to £265,728.

Under small secondary school protection which was a separate scheme Buxton received £67,370, The Lammas received £33,338, Norlington Boys received £187,524 and Rush Croft received £36,116. The introduction of a Lump Sum of £125,000 partly compensated these schools for the loss of this additional funding. Non-the-less the loss of the funding from April 2013 partly explains why these four schools are currently better off under MFG.

We know that from September 2015 onwards the number of pupils forecasted to transfer to secondary school is greater than the number of places available and therefore any protection should be short-term. The DfE scheme could be applied to any school which has more than 20% surplus capacity.

Criteria which could be applied are

- Surplus places above 20%
- Funding per qualifying surplus place
- School judged to be good or outstanding at last Ofsted Inspection

Potentially for 2014/15, three schools could qualify for additional financial support on the basis of surplus capacity as shown in the table below which illustrates four options.

Table: Schools which could qualify for additional funding due to falling rolls with more than 20% surplus capacity

School	Capacity	80% Capacity	Forecasted NOR Oct 2013	Shortfall NOR	Option 1 75% AWPU	Option 2 75% AWPU & TPS	Option 3 100% AWPU	Option 4 100% AWPU & TPS
Norlington Boys	600	480	447	33	£120,038	£149,916	£160,050	£199,889
Rush Croft	900	720	664	56	£203,700	£265,102	£271,600	£353,469
The Lammas	900	720	702	18	£65,475	£90,404	£87,300	£120,538
Total				107	£389,213	£505,422	£518,950	£673,896

At the moment only The Lammas has a current Ofsted Judgement of good or outstanding, although if either Rush Croft or Norlington Boys were inspected during the autumn term 2013 and was judged to be good it would trigger additional funding. For planning purposes, Option 1 has been used in Appendix C to this report. Figures may change when actual NOR in October 2013 are used.