

Funding New Special Schools

This funding protocol applies to the funding mechanism for all special educational needs schools to open from September 2019 onwards.

The National System

Funding for special needs units as set out within government policy as;

- Place funding of £10,000 for each place commissioned by the local authority.
- Top-up funding based on the need of pupils for each place for the period in which the place is occupied.

The Proposed Local System

For special needs schools opening in September and until such point places are commissioned through the national funding system the following funding arrangements will apply:

- 1) A one off allocation of £125,000 in the first year of opening, in addition a one off allocation will be made of £9,250 for the opening of each new class. This is consistent with the LA policy on the opening of mainstream schools.
- 2) Place funding of £10,000 per place for an agreed number of places for the following academic year after opening. Place numbers to be agreed between Leicestershire County Council and the Academy Trust. Place funding will include places commissioned from previous years and reflected in the annual place return to the Education, Skills and Funding Agency and new places opening in September.
- 3) Top up funding determined by pupil need and paid for the period a place is occupied. The needs of individual pupils will be reflected in the appropriate funding band. The illustrative average funding per band for Leicestershire's current special schools is shown below. Please note this is subject to review and will be advised once the cohort of pupils has been identified:

	Annual Rate per Pupil £
Band 5	3,255
Band 6	5,083
Band 7	6,910
Band 7A	8,737
Band 8	12,394
Band 9	16,049
Band 10	19,705

Pro-rata funding will be based on the number of school days for places occupied during the academic year.