

## 14. SEND Funding

### SEND Funding Overview

Schools funding comes from two main sources, through the Local Authority from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and from the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). All pre-16 funding is derived from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – either through the Local Authority (LA) for maintained schools or the ESFA for academy schools. All post 16 provision is funded by the ESFA.

The DSG supports pupils with SEN in three ways:

- **Element 1** is the core funding allocated to schools through the pre-16 funding formula derived from the DSG schools block and funding delivered to post-16 providers through the 16 to 19 national funding formula.
- **Element 2** is the element of budget based on the numbers of places to be funded and this is allocated through the DSG High Needs Block for pre-16 places or the ESFA for post-16 places.
- **Element 3** is the Top-up funding allocated by LAs to pre-16 and post-16 institutions from their DSG High Needs Block where the cost of provision for a pupil with high needs is more than allocated through the core or place funding.

Schools are expected to make provision for pupils as identified in Bands 1 and 2 (Low Cost High Incidence SEN) from their core funding (this is known as the Notional SEN budget and is derived as 5% of AWPU, 50% of Deprivation and 100% of Low Cost High Incidence SEN allocations).

Those pupils with high needs as identified in Band 3 and above of the SEND Handbook, schools will be expected to make provision up to £7150. Any additional support as a 'top up' from the High Needs Block will be identified within a pupil's EHCP as outlined in the funding table below.

**Funding Levels in Relation to Bands**

<b>Band</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Band 1 – Mild SEND</b>	School Budget
<b>Band 2 - Moderate SEND – Early Help</b>	School Budget
<b>Band 3 – Severe SEND - EHCP</b>	School Budget plus (if EHCP in place) top up £1500 - £4500
<b>Band 4 - More severe SEND</b>	School Budget plus top up £4500 - £7500
<b>Band 5 - Profound SEND</b>	School Budget plus top up £7500 - £10500
<b>Band 6 - Exceptional SEND</b>	School Budget plus top up for bespoke programme in excess of £10500