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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI414741874**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Schools Supplementary Grant. We apologise for the delay.

You have requested the following information:

**I am looking to find out information about how the Schools Supplementary Grant was distributed to special, AP and Hospital schools.**

**As per this Guardian story: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/apr/03/special-schools-in-england-face-funding-squeeze-headteachers-say>**

**The autumn spending review set out £1.2bn in funding for schools to cover forthcoming national insurance increases and “wider cost pressures”, including the new £30,000 starting salary for teachers, as well as fuel price rises.**

**That funding, the schools supplementary grant, has been handed directly to mainstream schools, but it goes via local authorities to special schools, alternative provision and hospital schools through the high needs budget.**

**Mainstream schools are getting a 4% funding increase per pupil, but some councils are not passing on any of the increase to special, AP and hospital schools.**

**1. We wondered if you could tell us how much of an increase your council was passing on to special, AP and hospital schools this financial year?**

## **2. Could you also tell us what methodology you have used to decide how much to pass on?**

It may be helpful to note that the 4% increase quoted for maintained schools is at a National Level, and the actual % level of increase provided by the supplementary funding will vary between LAs and also within each LA depending on the data profile of the LA and of the school.

For 2022/23 special schools have received a higher than planned level of increase, using the Supplementary Fund to enable them meet the cost of the 1.25% increase to National Insurance Contributions for the Health and Social Care Levy. For Hospital Education and Alternative Provision, no further increase has been passed on over and above the National Funding Formula increases.

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