DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG)

Table 1 – 2019/20 DSG Funding Breakdown

DSG Funding Blocks	Total (£m)
Schools Block (before recoupment)	247.51
Early Years	26.69
High Needs (before recoupment)	61.35
Central Services Schools Block	6.12
Total DSG funded services	341.67

2019/20 DSG allocation for Croydon

In 2019/20 the total DSG settlement for Croydon (including academies) is £341.67m. Academy recoupment is estimated to be in excess of £166m in 2019/20, reducing the DSG total to £175.12m. Academy recoupment currently stands at £166.55m in 2018/19 within the existing Schools and High Needs block. This total will be subject to change depending on the number of new schools that convert to academies during the year.

The funding per pupil as a result of the introduction of the National Funding Formula (NFF) stipulates a minimum funding rate. From 2018/19 the NFF provides two per pupil funding rates, one for primary pupils and one for secondary pupils. In 2019/20, the respective funding rates are £4,293.34 and £5,460.88 an increase from the 2018/19 rates per pupil of £4,238.50 for primary pupils and £5,317.93 for secondary pupils.

The latest pupil numbers used to calculate the DSG funding are 51,037 for the Schools block and 8,759 (part time equivalent two to four year olds) within Early Years. These numbers are based on the October 2018 Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) count, although the Early Years Census in January 2019 will be used to update Croydon's DSG allocation with more accurate Early Years pupil numbers during 2019/20.

The £26.69m shown above for the Early Years block includes an indicative Early Years pupil premium of £0.132m, the same allocation as 2018/19.