



My Ref: FOI/ 4721
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Request for Information: Special Educational Needs & Disability – High Needs Top-Up & Banding Allocations for Mainstream Schools, Mainstream SEN Unit / Resourced Provision, and Special Schools

I would like to request the following information:

- Information that describes “top-up”, “banding,” “matrix,” or “element” arrangements that the Council uses to guide its allocation of High Needs Block funding to mainstream schools, resource base / units in mainstream schools, and special schools;

| Band | Amount per financial year |
|---|---------------------------|
| S1 | £1500 |
| S2 | £3500 |
| S3 | £5500 |
| P4 | £7000 |
| P5 | £10250 |
| P6 (one off payment for specific purpose) | Up to £6000 |

- Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band, matrix point, or element attracts in the current financial year (2025-26);

| Band | Amount per financial year |
|---|---------------------------|
| S1 | £1500 |
| S2 | £3500 |
| S3 | £5500 |
| P4 | £7000 |
| P5 | £10250 |
| P6 (one off payment for specific purpose) | Up to £6000 |

- Information showing the maximum High Needs or Top-Up funding allocation (in pounds) that each specific band or element attracted for the previous financial year (2024-25). See above table.

o If funding allocations for each band/element in 2025-26 are identical to those in 2024-25, please say so.

Each funding band is the same in 24/25 and 25/26

o If it is more efficient for you to provide these allocations based on academic years rather than financial years, please use academic years instead.

o If the Council has changed its banding arrangements during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 periods, please provide information showing the previous banding arrangements as well as the current ones.

N/A

o For special schools or units/RPs where banded funding is not used, please provide information showing the High Needs Block 'top-up' allocation per place.

Standard RP £7,803 Top Up per pupil

Complex RP range from £15,606 to £17,500 Top Up per pupil

Special Schools:

School A £14,519 and £16,982 Top Up Per Pupil

School B £13,189 and £15,597 Top up Per Pupil

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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