

### Tameside Growth Criteria

Growth funding at Tameside is provided to support schools with significant in year pupil growth. In order for a school to receive growth funding there must be prior approval with the Local Authority (LA), funding will be provided to Schools that agreed the additional intake with the Local Authority in advance. If schools chose to admit additional pupils without agreement with the Local Authority they will not be eligible to access this funding, the rationale for this is that the Schools concerned are helping to address a Borough wide demand for places coordinated through the LA

The growth fund can only be used to:

- Support planned growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need whether this is a continued growth in numbers or a one off bulge class.
- Support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation;
- Meet the cost of new schools – This includes growing schools that have opened in the last 7 years and don't yet have pupils in every year group; and diseconomies funding for new schools that will incur additional start up and diseconomy of scale costs.

#### Implicit Growth

Implicit Growth Is the funding method that is apply for new and growing schools, this requires the LA to adjust pupil numbers when calculating the funding for the expected September intake.

#### Explicit Growth

Growth will be funded on AWPU rates for schools in line with the Tameside rates agreed at Schools Forum. This will be a different rate in primary schools and secondary schools. Both one off bulge classes and planned continued growth classes will be funded using the same principles. The allocation to schools will be based on the increase in capacity adjusted for actual September intake numbers multiplied by 7/12th of the Basic Amount per Pupil (to cover September to March). Actual numbers will be taken form the October census.

#### Diseconomies Funding

This funding is specifically for newly established schools whose costs cannot be met through the normal schools block funding due to not having every year group open. The diseconomies funding provides funding in two elements as the school grows: non-staffing resources, paid on a per-pupil basis; and a leadership grant. These titles reflect the basis on which the funding is calculated, but the grant can be spent on any legitimate purpose of the school.

The first element (resources) is paid each year that the school builds up to capacity for each new pupil *expected* to be on roll and is not revisited to reflect actual pupil numbers and is taken from the admissions data. It is paid at the following rates:

- £250 for each new mainstream pupil in the primary phase (year's R - 6)
- £500 for each new mainstream pupil in the secondary & 16 to 19 phases (years 7 - 13)

The second element (leadership) is paid annually based on the number of year groups that the school will ultimately have that do not yet have pupils. The amount paid to mainstream schools with pupils aged 5 to 15 each year depends on how many year groups (cohorts) are empty, and is set out in the table below.

<b>Empty Years</b>	<b>6+</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Max</b>
Primary	£80,500	£67,500	£54,000	£40,500	£27,000	£13,500	£283,000
Secondary			£125,000	£93,500	£62,500	£31,000	£312,000
All through	£125,000	£93,500	£62,500	£54,000	£40,500	£27,000	£402,500

# Secondary and all through funding is regardless of whether the school plans to have a sixth form