



SECTION 251

BUDGET STATEMENT

2025-2026



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1.2.13 Therapies and other health related services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.3.1 Central expenditure on early years entitlement	£1,314,491.00						£1,314,491.00	£0.00	£1,314,491.00
1.4.1 Contribution to combined budgets	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.2 School admissions	£0.00	£120,664.00	£88,482.00	£3,909.00	£945.00		£214,000.00	£0.00	£214,000.00
1.4.3 Servicing of schools forums	£0.00	£14,096.00	£10,337.00	£457.00	£110.00		£25,000.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
1.4.4 Termination of employment costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.5 Falling Rolls Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.6 Capital expenditure from revenue (CERA)	£0.00	£182,672.00	£47,319.00	£6,464.00	£0.00		£236,455.00	£0.00	£236,455.00
1.4.7 Prudential borrowing costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.8 Fees to independent schools without SEN	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.9 Equal pay - back pay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.10 Pupil growth	£0.00	£209,217.00	£153,417.00	£0.00	£0.00		£362,634.00	£0.00	£362,634.00
1.4.11 SEN transport	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50,500.00	£0.00	£50,500.00
1.4.12 Exceptions agreed by Secretary of State	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.4.13 Infant class sizes		£400,000.00					£400,000.00	£0.00	£400,000.00
1.4.14 Other Items	£0.00	£147,564.00	£38,225.00	£5,221.00	£0.00	£0.00	£191,010.00		£191,010.00
1.5.1 Education welfare service							£104,000.00	£0.00	£104,000.00
1.5.2 Asset management							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.5.3 Statutory/ Regulatory duties							£536,000.00	£0.00	£536,000.00
1.6.1 Central support services							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.2 Education welfare service							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.3 Asset Management							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.4 Statutory/ Regulatory duties							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.5 Premature retirement cost/ Redundancy costs (new provisions)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.6 Monitoring national curriculum assessment							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.6.7 School Improvement							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.7.1 Other Specific Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.8.1 TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET (before Academy recoupment)	£29,866,288.00	£85,506,736.00	£81,145,213.00	£22,396,843.00	£2,884,869.00	£1,100,000.00	£223,539,949.00	£115,500.00	£223,424,449.00
1.9.1 Estimated Dedicated Schools Grant for 2025-26 (before academy recoupment), excluding high needs place funding for 16-19 academies and free schools and FE colleges and independent learning providers							£221,811,361.00		
1.9.2 Dedicated Schools Grant brought forward from 2024-25 (please show a deficit as a negative)							-£1,450,000.00		
1.9.3 Dedicated Schools Grant carry forward to 2026-27							£1,450,000.00		
1.9.4 Grant for maintained school sixth forms							£1,613,088.00		
1.9.5 Local Authority additional contribution							£0.00		

1.9.6 Total funding supporting the Schools Budget (the sum of lines 1.9.1 to 1.9.5)							£223,424,449.00		
1.10.1 Academy recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant of schools block funding (show as a negative)							-£73,372,530.00		
1.10.2 Academy recoupment from the Dedicated Schools Grant of high needs place funding shown under line 1.0.2 (show as a negative)							-£369,001.00		
2.0.1 Central support services							£978,607.00	£836,093.00	£142,514.00
2.0.2 Education welfare service							£534,354.00	£253,245.00	£281,109.00
2.0.3 School improvement							£704,671.00	£26,500.00	£678,171.00
2.0.4 Asset management - education							£53,433.00	£0.00	£53,433.00
2.0.5 Statutory/ Regulatory duties - education							£1,670,922.00	£258,400.00	£1,412,522.00
2.0.6 Premature retirement cost/ Redundancy costs (new provisions)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.0.7 Monitoring national curriculum assessment							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.1.1 Educational psychology service							£763,302.00	£0.00	£763,302.00
2.1.2 SEN administration, assessment and coordination and monitoring							£2,132,404.00	£50,910.00	£2,081,494.00
2.1.3 Independent Advice and Support Services (Parent partnership), guidance and information							£155,662.00	£12,283.00	£143,379.00
2.1.4 Home to school transport (pre 16): SEN transport expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,680,127.00	£0.00		£3,680,127.00	£0.00	£3,680,127.00
2.1.5 Home to school transport (pre 16): mainstream home to school transport expenditure	£0.00	£72,729.00	£300,836.00	£0.00	£0.00		£373,565.00	£0.00	£373,565.00
2.1.6 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/ LLDD transport expenditure (aged 16-18)			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£241,192.00	£241,192.00	£0.00	£241,192.00
2.1.7 Home to post-16 provision: SEN/ LLDD transport expenditure (aged 19-25)			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£241,192.00	£241,192.00	£0.00	£241,192.00
2.1.8 Home to post-16 provision transport: mainstream home to post-16 transport expenditure			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.1.9 Supply of school places							£135,461.00	£0.00	£135,461.00
2.2.1 Other spend not funded from the Schools Budget							£126,000.00	£0.00	£126,000.00
2.3.1 Young people's learning and development			£350,332.00	£39,810.00	£7,962.00	£0.00	£398,104.00	£50,000.00	£348,104.00
2.3.2 Adult and Community learning							£814,337.00	£772,235.00	£42,102.00
2.3.3 Pension costs							£1,904,000.00	£30,000.00	£1,874,000.00
2.3.4 Joint use arrangements							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2.3.5 Insurance							£21,795.00	£0.00	£21,795.00
2.4.1 Other Specific Grant							£745,000.00	£745,000.00	£0.00
2.5.1 Total Other education and community budget							£15,674,128.00	£3,034,666.00	£12,639,462.00

3.0.1 Funding for individual Sure Start Children's Centres							£1,460,885.00	£111,928.00	£1,348,957.00
3.0.2 Funding for local authority provided or commissioned area wide services delivered through Sure Start Children's Centres							£2,249,377.00	£0.00	£2,249,377.00
3.0.3 Funding on local authority management costs relating to Sure Start Children's Centres							£94,775.00	£0.00	£94,775.00
3.0.4 Other spend on children under 5							£69,211.00	£0.00	£69,211.00
3.0.5 Total Sure Start children's centres and other spend on children under 5							£3,874,248.00	£111,928.00	£3,762,320.00
3.1.1 Residential care							£21,503,809.00	£91,250.00	£21,412,559.00
3.1.2a Fostering services (excluding fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£7,429,355.00	£0.00	£7,429,355.00
3.1.2b Fostering services (fees and allowances for LA foster carers)							£2,669,500.00	£0.00	£2,669,500.00
3.1.3 Adoption services							£1,782,224.00	£0.00	£1,782,224.00
3.1.4 Special guardianship support							£4,154,110.00	£0.00	£4,154,110.00
3.1.5 Other children looked after services							£1,079,520.00	£0.00	£1,079,520.00
3.1.6 Short breaks (respite) for looked after disabled children							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.1.7 Children placed with family and friends							£1,552,500.00	£0.00	£1,552,500.00
3.1.8 Education of looked after children	£1,068.00	£343,354.00	£88,943.00	£12,149.00	£2,937.00		£448,451.00	£0.00	£448,451.00
3.1.9 Leaving care support services							£4,524,548.00	£0.00	£4,524,548.00
3.1.10 Asylum seeker services children							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.1.11 Total Children Looked After	£1,068.00	£343,354.00	£88,943.00	£12,149.00	£2,937.00		£45,144,017.00	£91,250.00	£45,052,767.00
3.2.1 Other children and families services							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.3.1 Social work (including LA functions in relation to child protection)							£14,931,074.00	£410,423.00	£14,520,651.00
3.3.2 Commissioning and Children's Services Strategy							£422,606.00	£0.00	£422,606.00
3.3.3 Local Safeguarding Children Board							£267,028.00	£106,900.00	£160,128.00
3.3.4 Total Safeguarding Children and Young People's Services							£15,620,708.00	£517,323.00	£15,103,385.00
3.4.1 Direct payments							£751,456.00	£71,319.00	£680,137.00
3.4.2 Short breaks (respite) for disabled children							£1,169,042.00	£0.00	£1,169,042.00
3.4.3 Other support for disabled children							£50,000.00	£0.00	£50,000.00
3.4.4 Targeted family support							£3,550,705.00	£206,687.00	£3,344,018.00
3.4.5 Universal family support							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3.4.6 Total Family Support Services							£5,521,203.00	£278,006.00	£5,243,197.00
3.5.1 Universal services for young people							£18,022.00	£0.00	£18,022.00
3.5.2 Targeted services for young people							£903,857.00	£113,415.00	£790,442.00
3.5.3 Total Services for young people							£921,879.00	£113,415.00	£808,464.00
3.6.1 Youth justice							£1,327,349.00	£576,417.00	£750,932.00
4.0.1 Capital Expenditure from Revenue (CERA) (Non-schools budget functions and Children's and young people services)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

5.0.1 Total Schools Budget and Other education and community budget (excluding CERA) (lines 1.8.1 and 2.5.1)							£239,214,077.00	£3,150,166.00	£236,063,911.00
5.0.2 Total Children and Young People's Services and Youth Justice Budget (excluding CERA)(lines 3.0.5 + 3.1.11 + 3.2.1 + 3.3.4 + 3.4.6 + 3.5.3 + 3.6.1)							£72,409,404.00	£1,688,339.00	£70,721,065.00
6 Total Schools Budget, Other education and community budget, Children and Young People's Services and Youth Justice Budget (excluding CERA) (lines 5.0.1 + 5.0.2)							£311,623,481.00	£4,838,505.00	£306,784,976.00
7 Capital Expenditure (excluding CERA)	£148,880.00	£10,200,500.00	£2,422,040.00	£2,185,820.00	£332,760.00		£15,290,000.00	£15,290,000.00	£0.00
8a.1 Substance misuse services (Drugs, Alcohol and Volatile substances) (included in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 above)							£315,326.00	£0.00	£315,326.00
8a.2 Teenage pregnancy services (included in 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 above)							£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1.8.1a DSG Block Planned Expenditure							Allocated DSG funding	Planned Spend	Net
Schools (before academy recoupment)							£154,700,501.00	£154,700,501.00	£0.00
Central School Services							£1,306,465.00	£1,306,465.00	£0.00
High Needs (excluding post school)							£35,939,320.00	£35,939,320.00	£0.00
Early Years							£29,865,075.00	£29,865,075.00	£0.00
Total							£221,811,361.00	£221,811,361.00	£0.00

S251 Budget 2025-26 - High Needs Places Table Report

Department for Education Section 251 Financial Data Collection

Local Authority: 342 St Helens Metropolitan Borough

School Name	DFE Number	Is School/Unit Opening/Closing In Year?	Date Opening Closing	Type of Establishment	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Places		SEN Place Funding	Alternative Provision (AP) Places		AP Place Funding	Hospital Education Places		Hospital Education Place Funding	Total Place Funding
					April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to August 2025	September 2025 to March 2026	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)	April 2025 to March 2026 (£)
Ashurst Primary School	2021			Mainstream	8.00	8.00	£48,000.00							£48,000.00
Wargrave CofE Primary School	3106			Mainstream	20.00	20.00	£120,000.00							£120,000.00
Rectory CofE Primary School	3320			Mainstream	32.00	32.00	£192,000.00							£192,000.00
Pace	1100			PRU				25.00	25.00	£250,000.00				£250,000.00
Launchpad Centre	1101			PRU				120.00	120.00	£1,200,000.00				£1,200,000.00
Willow Bank School	7005			Special	65.00	65.00	£650,000.00							£650,000.00
Mill Green School	7007			Special	151.00	170.00	£1,620,827.00							£1,620,827.00
Lansbury Bridge School	7008			Special	240.00	240.00	£2,400,000.00							£2,400,000.00
Grand Total:					516.00	535.00	£5,030,827.00	145.00	145.00	£1,450,000.00				£6,480,827.00

TOTAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA (9 MONTH TO 2 YEAR OLDS - WORKING PARENTS):				£8,273,660		
11ai. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 3 & 4 Year Olds - Funding allocated from EY	Provider support		£210,622	£9,364	£92,111	£312,097
11ai. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 3 & 4 Year Olds - Funding allocated from HN	No budget lines entered					
11bi. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional	Provider support		£25,990	£267	£991	£27,248
11bi. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional	No budget lines entered					
11ci. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding	Provider support		£61,866	£638	£2,360	£64,864
11ci. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding	No budget lines entered					
11di. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents -	Provider support		£45,906			£45,906
11di. SENIF (Funding paid directly to providers): 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents -	No budget lines entered					
TOTAL FUNDING FOR SEN INCLUSION FUND (TOP-UP GRANT ELEMENT):				£450,116		
12a. Early years contingency funding: 3 & 4 Year Olds	Contingency funding					£150,000
12b. Early years contingency funding: 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support	No budget lines entered					
12c. Early years contingency funding: 2 Year Olds - Working parents	No budget lines entered					
12d. Early years contingency funding: 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents	No budget lines entered					
13ai. Early years centrally retained funding: 3 & 4 Year Olds - SENIF	Early years specialist support					£256,368
13ai. Early years centrally retained funding: 3 & 4 Year Olds - Other	Central provision					£230,413
13bi. Early years centrally retained funding: 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support	Early years specialist support					£51,572
13bi. Early years centrally retained funding: 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support	Central provision					£46,350
13ci. Early years centrally retained funding: 2 Year Olds - Working parents - SENIF	Early years specialist support					£122,785
13ci. Early years centrally retained funding: 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Other	Central provision					£110,355
13di. Early years centrally retained funding: 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - SENIF	Early years specialist support					£182,565
13di. Early years centrally retained funding: 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Other	Central provision					£164,083
TOTAL FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS CENTRAL EXPENDITURE:				£1,314,491		
14a. Early years pupil premium: 3 & 4 Year Olds						£278,485
14b. Early years pupil premium: 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support						£102,087
14c. Early years pupil premium: 2 Year Olds - Working parents						£11,343
14d. Early years pupil premium: 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents						£10,209
15a. Disability access fund: 3 & 4 Year Olds						£121,940
15b. Disability access fund: 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support						£14,070
15c. Disability access fund: 2 Year Olds - Working parents						£14,070
15d. Disability access fund: 9 Month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents						£11,256

Calculation of pass-through rate for 3 and 4 year olds

Calculation	Description	Amount
A	1. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£10,901,878
	2a. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Deprivation	£54,534
	2b. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Quality	£340,327
	2c. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - Flexibility	£0
	2d. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for supplement payment) - Rurality/Sparsity	£0
	2e. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Supplements (supply a note for your supplement payment) - EAL	£0
	3. EYSFF (3 & 4 year olds) Maintained nursery school (MNS) lump sums (if applicable)	£113,172
	11a (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from EY Block	£312,097
	11a (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 3 & 4 Year Olds (Mandatory) - Funding allocated from HN Block	£0
	12a. Early years contingency funding - 3 & 4 Year Olds	£150,000
	Subtotal =	£11,872,008
	B	DfE quantum allocation to local authority of MNS supplementary funding (published in the DSG allocations tables)
C	Planned total base rate hours for universal 15 and additional 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds (including hours through MNS)	2,112,767
D	Equivalent average rate to providers for three-and four-year old entitlement hours	£5.53
E	LA EYNFF hourly rate for three-and four-year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£5.76
F	Test of meeting requirement = (D / E) * 100%	96.0%

Calculation of pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Families receiving

Calculation	Description	Amount	
A	4. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£2,322,924	
	5a. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Supplements - Deprivation	£0	
	5b. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Supplements - Quality	£0	
	5c. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Supplements - Flexibility	£0	
	5d. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	£0	
	5e. 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support Supplements - EAL	£0	
	11b (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support - Funding allocated from EY Block	£27,248	
	11b (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support - Funding allocated from HN Block	£0	
	12b. Early years contingency funding - 2 Year Olds - Families receiving additional support	£0	
	Subtotal =	£2,350,173	
	B	Planned total base rate hours for 2 year olds - Families receiving additional support (including hours through MNS)	291,093
	C	Equivalent average rate to providers for 2 year old - Families receiving additional support entitlement hours	£8.07
D	LA hourly rate for 2 year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£8.41	
E	Test of meeting requirement	96.0%	

Calculation of pass-through rate for 2 year olds - Working parents

Calculation	Description	Amount	
A	7. 2 year olds - Working parents Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£5,530,513	
	8a. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Deprivation	£0	
	8b. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Quality	£0	
	8c. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Flexibility	£0	
	8d. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	£0	
	8e. 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - EAL	£0	
	11c (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from EY Block	£64,864	
	11c (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from HN Block	£0	
	12c. Early years contingency funding - 2 Year Olds - Working parents	£0	
	Subtotal =	£5,595,377	
	B	Planned total base rate hours for 2 year olds - Working parents (including hours through MNS)	693,047
	C	Equivalent average rate to providers for 2 year old - Working parents entitlement hours	£8.07
D	LA hourly rate for 2 year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£8.41	
E	Test of meeting requirement	96.0%	

Calculation of pass-through rate for 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents

Calculation	Description	Amount	
A	9. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Base Rate(s) per hour, per provider type	£8,273,660	
	10a. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Deprivation	£0	
	10b. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Quality	£0	
	10c. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Flexibility	£0	
	10d. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - Rurality/Sparsity	£0	
	10e. 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents Supplements - EAL	£0	
	11d (i) SEN Inclusion Fund - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from EY Block	£45,906	
	11d (ii) SEN Inclusion Fund - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents - Funding allocated from HN Block	£0	
	12d. Early years contingency funding - 9 month to 2 Year Olds - Working parents	£0	
	Subtotal =	£8,319,566	
	B	Planned total base rate hours for 9 month to 2 year olds - Working parents (including hours through MNS)	754,896
	C	Equivalent average rate to providers for 9 month to 2 year old - Working parents entitlement hours	£11.02
D	LA hourly rate for 9 month to 2 year olds (published in the DSG allocations tables)	£11.48	
E	Test of meeting requirement	96.0%	



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