

Growth Fund Policy 2024-25 for Information

Permanent expansions

- Funding will be added to the APT in advance of pupils arriving at the school as intrinsic growth. The pupil numbers used will be considered with the relevant schools. As the numbers are on the APT, schools will be funded at their average pupil rate. Schools where there is expected permanent growth of at least 30 pupils will be funded in this way.
- In 2024-25 this includes Livingstone (5 FE in KS3 year 9 + 2 FE in year 2), Cornerstone (1FE in KS4 year 11)
- Any further growth will be funded as extrinsic growth, budgeted in the central growth fund.
- Criteria for payment of intrinsic growth funding
 - a) basic need (as agreed with BCP)
 - b) growth of at least 30 pupils in the designated year group
- Criteria for payment of extrinsic growth
 - a) growth above that included as intrinsic growth on the APT in the specified year group.
 - b) to be funded at £1,550 per pupil for both primary and secondary growth as per DfE guidance

Temporary expansions (bulge classes)

- A temporary expansion or bulge class provides generally 30 places above the PAN.
- Funding, as per the DfE guidance will be at the cost of a teacher. BCP is proposing this is at scale M6 teacher, plus oncosts and any pay award from Sept 2024.
- There is no claw back of funding once the bulge class has passed through (lagged funding means that the bulge is funded through the formula for the year after it has gone).
- Criteria for payment of funding
 - a) basic need (agreed with BCP)
 - b) growth of at least 30 pupils in the designated year group

Minor variation to pupil numbers

Minor variations to pupil numbers do not attract funding.

Falling Rolls Fund

There will be no falling rolls fund in 2024-25, this is no change from previous years.

Growth funding will not apply where a school:

- a) increases its PAN by choice but not agreed with the local authority as part of the process to meet basic need in the area,
- b) admits over PAN by choice (not to meet agreed basic need),
- c) admits pupils above a school's PAN on appeal or error in the school admissions process,
- d) general growth due to popularity, which is managed through lagged funding,
- e) is in financial difficulty and the LA has not agreed to an increase in the PAN.

[Growth and falling rolls fund guidance: 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/growth-and-falling-rolls-fund-guidance-2024-to-2025)

