

Needs Funding Matrix 2025-26						
	Pre 16			Post 16		
Type of Provision	Core Funding (Element 1)	Place Funding (Element 2)	Top Up Funding (Element 3)	Core Funding (Element 1)	Place Funding (Element 2)	Top Up Funding (Element 3)
Mainstream schools Mainstream academies Mainstream free schools	Basic entitlement also known as age weighted pupil unit (AWPU)	£6,000 of additional need funded through Notional SEN budget (element 2)	High Needs (HN) above basic entitlement and £6,000 (elements 1 and 2) paid by commissioning Local Authority (LA). LA may provide an Individually Assigned Resource (IAR) where there is evidence that additional support costs more than elements 1 and 2.	National Funding Formula (NFF)	£6,000 funded by ESFA based on students with post 16 EHCPs or statements of SEN agreed by LA's	Agreed per-student IAR paid by commissioning LA if there is evidence that additional support costs more than £6,000
HN Special Support Centres (SSCs)Units in mainstream schools HN SSCs in mainstream academies	Occupied places at the time of the October census will attract basic entitlement also known as age weighted pupil unit (AWPU) in the main school budget share	Occupied places at the time of the October census will attract £6,000. Unoccupied places at the time of the October census are funded at £10,000 per place based on agreed places	Agreed per-pupil top-up paid by commissioning LA	National Funding Formula (NFF)	£6,000 based on places commissioned by WSCC	Agreed per-student top up paid by commissioning LA
Maintained special schools Special Academies	£10,000 per place based on agreed places		Agreed per-pupil top-up paid by commissioning LA	£10,000 per place based on agreed places commissioned by WSCC		Agreed per-student top up paid by commissioning LA
Non maintained special schools Special Academies	£10,000 per place based on agreed places		Agreed per-pupil top-up paid by commissioning LA	£10,000 per place based on agreed places		Agreed per-student top up paid by commissioning LA
Independent schools	N/A		Agreed per-pupil top-up paid by commissioning LA	N/A		Agreed per-student top up paid by commissioning LA
Maintained alternative provision (AP) providers Academy AP providers	£10,000 per place based on agreed places		Agreed per-pupil top-up paid by commissioning LA	£10,000 per place based on agreed places commissioned exceptionally by WSCC		Agreed per-student top up paid by commissioning school or LA
Further education and sixth form colleges, Specialist Post-16 Institutions (SPIs).	N/A		N/A	National Funding Formula (NFF)	£6,000 funded by ESFA based on places commissioned by LAs.	Agreed per-student top-up paid by commissioning LA if there is evidence that additional support costs more than £6,000