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2017-18 SEND implementation grant (new burdens) and wider delivery support funding

Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for School Standards, has today announced the 2017-18 School Revenue Funding settlement to local authorities, setting out details of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), Education Services Grant (ESG) transitional grant and Pupil Premium.

Alongside this announcement, I am now able to confirm £40m of new funding to local authorities, for 2017-18, to continue to support transition to the new system for special educational needs and disability (SEND). I am very pleased to provide this funding (an increase of £4.2m on that provided in 2016-17) as I know how important it is in supporting delivery of the reforms. I hope that the timing of this announcement enables local authorities to make effective plans for this important final year of the transition.

Local authorities can spend this grant to help with the additional costs associated with the implementation of the SEND reforms. They may, however, choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need.

This funding forms part of the Government's overall package of support in 2017-18 to local authorities and a wide range of other organisations which are supporting the implementation of the SEND reforms. Early in 2017 we will announce funding for wider support, including Independent Supporters and Parent Carer Forums.

*Yours sincerely,
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