



How is SEND Financed at Finchale Primary School?

As a community school within County Durham, we receive our budget from the Local Authority at the beginning of the financial year.

As part of the school budget, our school receives a Notional SEND budget. This is used to support individual pupils with SEND in a number of ways, for example, meeting staff costs, the delivery of Intervention Programs, the cost of staff training, purchasing of new resources and equipment etc.

The resources that we provide for our pupils are allocated on an individual basis according to the needs of the child. We constantly evaluate and amend our provision to ensure we are fully meeting the needs of the children in our school within the resources we have at our disposal.

Our school budget is carefully monitored by our school Governing Body on a termly basis.

When a pupil requires additional SEND support, the first £6000 of the cost of this support has to be met from the school's own budget, some of which will come from the school's notional SEND Budget. If additional resources are required to meet the needs of a pupil, the school can apply for Top Up funding and it may be allocated. This is decided by the SEND team within the Local Authority and is at their discretion.

The SEND funding which has been allocated to Finchale Primary for 2023 – 2024 is:

SEND Funding for Finchale Primary School for 2023 - 2024	
Notional Budget	£90,056
Top Up Funding	£27,722
TOTAL	£117,778

The amount of Top Up funding may change during 2023 - 2024 if there is a change to the children attending school, if the needs of those who attend are re-assessed or if the school should be successful in any application they may make for Top Up funding. The figures show the amount that has been allocated at the time of writing (January 2024).

In addition to the amounts set out above, the school also employs additional staff to provide support for pupils throughout the school. The funding for this comes from the school's main delegated budget.

The cost of one full time Grade 5 Teaching Assistant (TA) at Finchale Primary in 2023 – 2024 (including on-costs) is **£33,593**. The cost of a Grade 3 TA at Finchale in 2023-2024 (including on-costs) is **£30,259**. The school currently employs 9 TAs who work a total of 36.5 days a week between them at a cost of around **£240,073** a year.

In addition, the school also buys in support through Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for the Educational Psychology Service and the SEND Advisory Support. The school also pays for assessments and referrals to a range of SEND services throughout the year, including Cognition and Learning, Social Communication and the Emotional Wellbeing teams. As part of our curriculum offer for SEND pupils, the school also purchases a range of resources and licenses to support pupils and increase inclusivity in school. Some of these referrals/resources are funded through the use of our Community of Learning (COL) credits. In 2023-2024 we were provided with 6 credits, each worth £325. 1 credit can purchase a staff training session after school or a pupil consultation, 2 credits can purchase a pupil consultation and feedback report.