

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

Application for growth fund support 2017-18. Highdown is a growing school. This presents the difficulties of lagged funding with the requirement to staff and accommodate learning for increased numbers for 2017 start.

Part A – Planned Growth in response to need.

A) Following schools forum in July 2016 the increase in Highdown's PAN to 250 has proved successful for 2017. We have a waiting list of over 30. It was indicated at forum in July 2016 meeting that growth fund would be honoured for the 2017-18 budget to support these pupil places.

Therefore Highdown is applying to Forum for finance for the 30 new places already discussed last year from growth fund (funding as per option A of Growth fund review October 2016). Highdown meets all criteria set out for growth fund as it is in a planned response to need discussed with the LA.

Part B of Highdown School and Sixth form centre submission

B) For discussion at July 2017 Forum. The consultation on closing Chiltern Edge School is currently in the public domain. Chiltern Edge pupils are looking for in year admission currently and there are likely to be higher numbers transferring to Highdown School and Sixth form centre in the near future in a range of year groups. In July we will have a clearer picture about what the implication in growth numbers will be and would present to forum the request for financial support for these numbers. Highdown would welcome a discussion at May forum about the support from forum for this situation so that appropriate planning can occur.