# **Growth Fund 2022/23**

**What changes have the Department for Education (DFE) made to National Growth Fund Allocations to Local Authorities**

As with 2021/22, for 2022/23 the DFE will allocate growth funding at Local Authority (LA) level, based on the observed differences between primary and secondary pupils at schools within each MSOA (Middle Layer Super Output Area) between the October 2020 and October 2021 censuses. Only positive MSOA growth will be used in calculating the number of pupils to be funded.

The DFE are not making any changes to the ways in which Local Authorities can distribute growth funding.

The maximum reduction in growth funding for any LA will be set at -0.5% of their total Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) schools block allocation in 2022/23 – before a safety net is applied.

The below table illustrates the modelling carried out by BCC’s Education Infrastructure (EDI) team related to growth projections.

| **BCC Modelling 2022/23** | **£m** |
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| Projected Implicit Growth i.e. pupil growth numbers to be built into formula | 3.669 |
| Projected Explicit Growth i.e. centrally held growth budget requirements for 2022/23 | 0.987 |
| **Projected Total Growth Requirement 2022/23** | **4.656** |
| **DFE Growth funding for 2022/23 (actual MSOA pupil changes between Actual Oct 20 and Actual Oct 21)¹** | **4.656** |
| **Projected Surplus in Funding 2022/23** | **0.0** |

¹ [Birmingham (skillsfunding.service.gov.uk)](https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk/view-latest-funding/local-authority/statement/330)