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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI441993373

Thank you for your request for information relating to school supplementary grant.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the school supplementary grant (SSG) received by the local authority from government.

1. The total SSG funding from the government for each financial year since 2017.

The schools supplementary grant is a new grant for the 2022/23 year, therefore we do not hold information prior to this year and advising you as per Section 1 of the Act. Coventry City Council's allocation was £4,625,145. This amount does not include amounts that were paid directly to Academies by the Department of Education.

2. A breakdown for each financial year how this funding has been allocated. Please breakdown the amounts if the SSG has been allocated to different budgets. And please can this also include what was passed onto schools, what was moved to the high needs budget and what has been retained by the council.

It is not yet possible to determine how much of this will be passed on directly to schools in 2022/23. This is because the special schools will receive their funding through the top up funding they receive. Top up funding is based on actual pupil numbers throughout the year meaning the amount of supplementary funding passed on to schools through top up funding will not be known

until the end of the financial year in March 2023. Current estimates show that £2,809,364 will be passed onto schools and £1,815,781 will be moved to the high needs budget. Nothing was retained by the Council.

3. If your council is a 'safety valve' council, as designated by the Department for Education, what agreements have been made with the department in regards to the use of SSG funding?

Coventry City Council is not a safety valve Council.

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Yours faithfully

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