



GAG POOLING

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PASSMORES CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Introduction

Under the provisions in The Academies Financial Handbook 2020,

“A trust with multiple academies can amalgamate GAG for its academies to form one central fund. This can be used to meet the running costs at any constituent academy within the trust. In accordance with its funding agreement a trust must not pool PFI funding.

The trust must consider the funding needs and allocations of each constituent academy and must have an appeals mechanism. If a constituent academy’s principal feels the academy has been unfairly treated, they should appeal to the trust. If the grievance is not resolved, they can appeal to the Secretary of State, via ESFA. Where ESFA receives an appeal, it will review the process that the trust has followed, including whether the trust has considered the funding needs of the constituent academy, and whether the trust’s internal appeals process has been applied. ESFA will provide the constituent academy and the trust with the opportunity to provide any evidence they feel is relevant to the case. ESFA’s decision will be final and can result in the pooling provisions being dis-applied.”

Policy

All staffing and running costs of each academy and the Trust and the Trust Hub office will be paid centrally.

Each individual academy within the Trust will be responsible for reporting on all additional funding to Local Governing Bodies and subsequent reports posted on individual academy websites ie: Sports, Pupil Premium

Each individual academy within the Trust will be responsible for reporting on, and allocating expenditure for all additional funding received after the budget has been received and allocated ie: Catch Up, High needs

Each individual academy within the Trust will be allocated an amount for general classroom resources; this will be allocated by the Head of School and termly monitoring given by Central Finance team.

Centrally held reserves and devolved formula capital (DFC) grants will be used for the benefit of the academies within the Trust which could be for specific projects requested by an individual academy, or works required under the Trust’s building maintenance or IT refresh programmes.

Appeals

If a constituent academy’s Head of School feels the academy has been unfairly treated, they should appeal in writing directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The CEO will consider the appeal and notify the academy of their decision within 20 working days of receipt of the written appeal.

If the grievance is not resolved they should refer to the Academies Handbook for further guidance.

This Policy will be reviewed by the Trustees on a 3-yearly cycle.