



Banding Levels and funding awards

When applying for Element 3 (Top Up) the schools costed & evaluated provision maps should detail the actual spend, especially in relation to support costs.

Top Up is a contribution towards the cost of the individual pupil support and not a full cost recovery mechanism.

However, as a contribution towards cost this also means a contribution towards support costs.

Please refer to the table below for the Local Authority's contributions towards support staff.

Please note funding can only be awarded within the band requested, for example; if band 3 has been requested, a maximum of £5,000 per annum can be awarded only.

The amount of funding can be less than requested, but not more.

Contributions towards support staff costs are based on 25 hours per week for 45.4 weeks per year and include on-costs:

Grade	Annual	£ ph.	
BG4	13,369	11.78	<i>(Lunchtime support)</i>
BG7	15,868	13.98	<i>(Mainstream)</i>
BG8	18,020	15.88	<i>(Special)</i>

However, if the school's actual costs, (for example, are using BG6 for TA) then the lower costing stands.