## **GROWTH FUND**

To: Peterborough Schools' Forum

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	INTRODUCT	ION												
1.1	At the Schools Forum meeting in January 2021, as part of the discussion for Schools Block submission to the ESFA, lengthy debate took place around the allocations of Growth Funding in Peterborough. Since that meeting and after discussion with the Admissions and Place Planning teams we have been able to make contact with schools and academies to discuss allocations for the period Sept 2021- March 2022.													
1.2	Schools receive their delegated budget share based on the October 2020 census numbers. Where a school expands in October 2021 the funding for the additional pupils (through the funding formula) will not follow until April-22 for maintained schools and September 2022 for academies. Local authorities can support schools with growth arising from basic need through a growth fund.													
1.3	This paper details growth funding allocations for 2021/22 as agreed with schools in the summer term 2021.													
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2.0	Growth alloc	atio	ns sı	uppor	ting	anticip	ated growth for Autumn Term 2021							
	In addition to the schools identified in January 2021, the Place Planning team have consulted with the Head and Governors at Eye Primary School. There are 35 in catchment children and siblings of out of catchment children which require places in the area. Plans are going ahead to provide mobile accommodation in the short term to enable capacity on site													
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4.0	Balance on Schools Block allocation										
4.1	The total allocation using pupil numbers as identified by Admissions in Autumn 2020 for funding on the APT was £1.12m. The PAN at Queen Katharine has been increased to 300 in Year 7– an additional 30 places to the numbers we had in the budget preparation documents. Place Planning have requested for the bulge class in Eye Primary School and along with up to date data this has increased to £1.31m  The potential overspend at present is £188k.										
	Totals for identified school places	126.00	376.00	951,463	307,398	1,258,860	Total allocations for Sept 2021-March 2022				
	New RC Free school - opening Sept 2022					50,000	Can be drawn down 2 terms in advance of opening				
	Totals for Growth agreed Summer Term 2021					1,308,860					
	Allocation in Schools Block DSG					1,120,019					
	Deficit on allocation in 2021-22					-188,841					
	As a result of the exceptional needs for places, this deficit will be met out of the accumulated DSG carryforward or funded from the 2022/23 growth fund topslice. A further update on the overall financial position will be brought in the autumn.										