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By email: [coral.miller@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:coral.miller@wokingham.gov.uk)

Dear Ms Miller

**Request to disapply the DSG conditions of grant for transfers of funding from the schools block**

Thank you for your disapplication request to transfer 0.5% of the schools block to high needs.

This has been considered by the Secretary of State and based on the information provided this request has not been approved.

There was minimal information provided to support this request and as such, there has not been a strong enough case to overturn the schools forum decision. Advice was provided in paragraph 122 of the [schools revenue funding 2018 to 2019 operational guide](#) on what evidence should be presented to the schools forum and submitted alongside a disapplication request to move funding out of the schools block.

You have provided little evidence in the application or consultation document on the reasons for the high needs pressures, the plans to manage these and the other information laid out in the operational guide. We therefore do not see any compelling reasons to go against the local decision.

We know that this decision will come as a disappointment to you. However, all schools block movement requests have been reviewed against a robust set of criteria as set out in the operational guide. Although the Secretary of State's decision is final and there is no appeals process, we would be happy to have further discussions with you about high needs budget management and the options for managing budget pressures. If you, or other interested parties in your area, require further information or clarification on the decision made, please contact [academy.questions@education.gov.uk](mailto:academy.questions@education.gov.uk).

We are aware that you have only submitted an APT which incorporates the transfer of 0.5%. Please resubmit your APT as soon as possible, to exclude this transfer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen Jenkins', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Owen Jenkins**

**Head of the Funding Policy Implementation Unit**