

High Needs Recovery Plan and Inclusion Model

- Inclusion Model funding continued in the 2025/26 budget, with an allocation of funding to schools guaranteed until the end of the 2024/25 academic year.
- Will allow consistency and stability until the end of the academic year.
- LA Officers and the Schools Forum sub-group are looking at all four areas of overspend in the High Needs Block, and a recovery plan will be developed and shared with Schools Forum – draft plan to be developed by April 2025.
- This will include future plans for the Inclusion Model.
- An Inclusion Manager has been recruited and they will pick up the work in developing an Inclusion Strategy for the city.
- The Virtual School Head will oversee the Inclusion Manager, and the service area will be developed into Virtual School and Vulnerable Learners. The Inclusion Manager will engage with schools to consult on the Inclusion Model and Inclusion Strategy.