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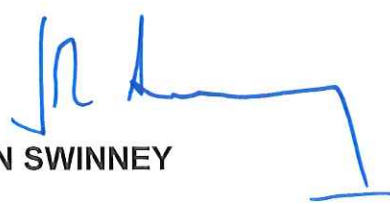
Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Government and COSLA Leaders have reached a joint agreement on the establishment of a national minimum school clothing grant. The minimum grant level has been agreed at £100 with effect from the start of the 2018-19 academic year.

To support the introduction of the national minimum the Scottish Government is contributing £6 million to local authorities. The additional funding is intended to assist local authorities in meeting the national minimum grant level of £100, and any decision to set a local grant level beyond £100 will be at the discretion of local authorities. Eligibility criteria will continue to be set locally but should not reduce from current levels. The amount of top-up Scottish Government funding, allocated to each local authority, is listed in Annex A at the end of this letter. Distribution was considered by the Settlement and Distribution Group before being agreed by COSLA Leaders at their meeting on the 25th May.

The 2018-19 funding will be paid as a redetermination of General Revenue Grant during the last two weeks of March 2019. Funding for future years will be added to the local government finance settlement as a baseline transfer.

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation on this matter and would be most grateful if you could pass a copy of this letter onto any persons responsible for administering school clothing grants in your local authority.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX A

Funding distribution and allocations - Scottish Government top-up funding for the national minimum school clothing grant

Local Authority	Additional funding for school clothing grants
Aberdeen City	£179,000
Aberdeenshire	£153,000
Angus	£99,000
Argyll and Bute	£47,000
Clackmannanshire	£88,000
Dumfries and Galloway	£162,000
Dundee City	£255,000
East Ayrshire	£179,000
East Dunbartonshire	£36,000
East Lothian	£98,000
East Renfrewshire	£29,000
Edinburgh, City of	£336,000
Eilean Siar (Western Isles)	£7,000
Falkirk	£201,000
Fife	£456,000
Glasgow City	£1,031,000
Highland	£195,000
Inverclyde	£112,000
Midlothian	£121,000
Moray	£70,000
North Ayrshire	£289,000
North Lanarkshire	£511,000
Orkney Islands	£10,000
Perth and Kinross	£73,000
Renfrewshire	£219,000
Scottish Borders	£91,000
Shetland Islands	£15,000
South Ayrshire	£113,000
South Lanarkshire	£358,000
Stirling	£65,000
West Dunbartonshire	£189,000
West Lothian	£210,000
SCOTLAND	£6,000,000

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