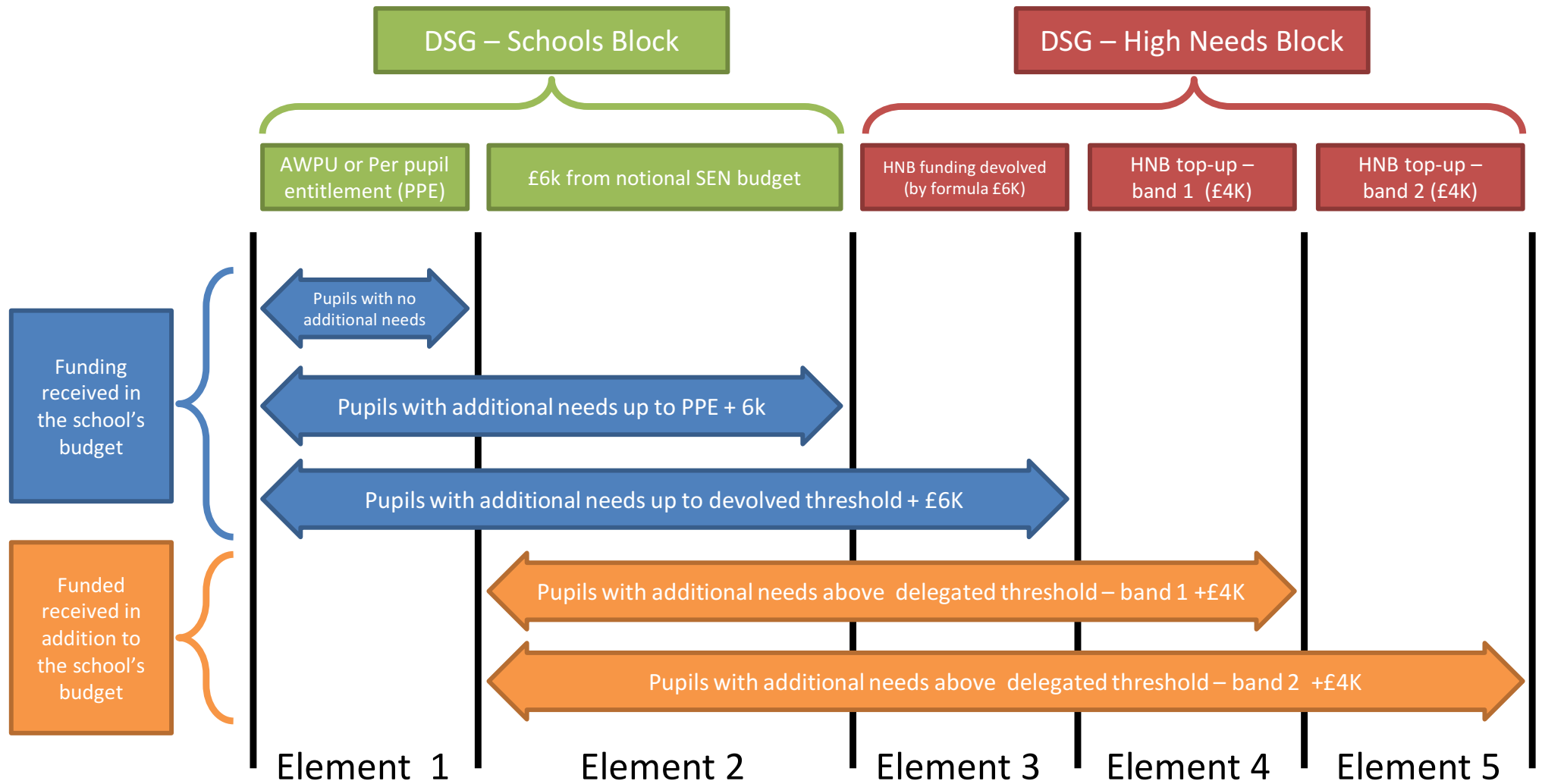


APPENDIX B

New funding model for SEN in Mainstream schools from September 2014



PTO for an explanation of this diagram and its implementation

What are the elements?

Element 1	Per Pupil Entitlement (AWPU)
Element 2	Notional SEN budget (up to £6K)
Element 3	Top Up funding distributed through contingency or further delegation
Element 4	Top Up funding for children with a statement of SEN or EHC (adds to Schools Block notional £6K budget)
Element 5	

Element 4 Top Up = approx £8K

Element 5 = approx £11.5K

From April 2014:

1. In compliance with the funding regulations for 2014/15:
 - We have delegated the first £6000K of all statements to schools through schools block funding (Element 2 – ‘notional SEN budget’)
 - We have achieved the distribution of this funding through a formula based on a limited set of criteria (e.g. prior attainment and number on roll) and lump sum allocation by way of a transitional arrangement
 - Distribution through the formula will ensure little change for schools other than where there has been a significant change in numbers of children either on roll or with a statement of SEN

What have we agreed already?

2. Schools forum have already agreed to comply with the above requirement, which is essentially to redistribute the following money previously directed towards children individually funded through statements of SEN:

LBHF - £1.8 m via HNB

From April 2014 this will mean that within mainstream schools a genuine High Needs Block Top Up model will be operational with the Local Authority making payments for provision over and above the notional £6K SEN budget.

What more do we want to do – from September 2014?

3. We are keen to ensure that mainstream schools are able to provide a robust local offer for children with additional learning needs from resources that are available to support flexible and responsive planning between teachers and parents to address children’s predictable learning needs and unless a young person has complex and significant education, health and/or care needs, without the need for a lengthy assessment.
4. We are therefore proposing some further changes to funding arrangements from September 2014 (please note these changes relate to tri-borough children in tri-borough schools).
5. From September 2014 we are proposing that the High Needs Block funding in Element 3 (above £6K and below current level of Statement of SEN (approx £9K) is distributed through a contingency fund managed by nominated HNB reference group members and the LA in response to requests made regarding individual children.

6. During autumn term 2014 and spring term 2015 the HNB reference groups will consider the options for further delegation to mainstream schools, so that the equivalent of up to £6K schools block 'notional SEN budget and £6K top up funding is available to support tri-borough children in tri-borough mainstream schools.
7. Under these arrangements and from September 2014 schools would claim Band 1 or 2 Top Up from the Local Authority for those young people who currently have a statement of SEN with more than 20 TA support hours. Eligibility criteria for Band 1 and 2 will be developed from existing criteria and as part of the preparation for the Education, Health and Care assessment process. The High Needs Block Reference Group would be invited to support review and moderation of Band criteria.