

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister provide details of the funding for the Education Reform Programme over the next 3 years, including how much is allocated for head teacher pay awards in 2023 and 2024; and clarify the key measurable outcomes of the Education Reform Programme for 2024 and 2025?”

Answer

£221,000 has been allocated to the Education Reform Allowance payable to school leaders in 2023, no similar funding has been allocated for 2024. More details on the allowance are available here.

The Education Reform Programme is a three-year programme due to complete in the first half of 2024. During this three-year period additional funding was approved in Government Plan 2023 – 2026 of £6.1m for Inclusion. Consequently, the significant focus on inclusion in education will continue into future years as part of a new programme of change to be established in education. The objectives and outcomes for inclusion are aligned with the recommendations from the Independent Review of Inclusion and include:

- Establishing an Inclusion Charter for Jersey, due in quarter 1 2024.
- Implementing new and strengthening existing provisions for children and young people with additional needs. The outcomes include the establishment of new and expanded additional resource centres (ARCS) in primary and secondary schools and increased capacity in our special schools.
- A Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme including continued NASENCo master’s level accreditation for SENDCOs, and neuro affirming practice.
- Supporting increased school attendance (as measured by attendance, timetable and exclusion data) and improved transition between phases.
- Developing new paediatric speech and occupational therapy support models for schools, outcomes to be determined by the pilot activities currently underway.
- A new assessment of schools against an inclusive education framework, completed for all schools by end 2025.
- A revised Jersey School Review Framework, with increased focus on inclusive education, implemented for academic year 24/25.
- All underpinned by increased and sustained funding for inclusion allocated to schools through the school funding formula. This is measured by the increase in funding allocated to schools, the additional resource this funding enables and the continued publication of the funding formula for inclusion (we will publish the 2024 formula in the first quarter of 2024).

This seeks to ensure that all children and young people in education in Jersey can reach their full potential.