



Capital Funding for Voluntary Aided Schools

The Archdiocese of Birmingham became the responsible body for School Condition Allocation (SCA) funding in 2020/21 and received a central capital allocation for all Voluntary Aided (VA) schools. This funding was formerly known as LCVAP funding.

In order to provide financial assurance to the Department for Education (DfE) that public money is spent appropriately, we have worked collaboratively with all other dioceses in England, co-ordinated by the Catholic Education Service (CES) to procure a common cloud based assurance system which is called Statlog. As schools will have access to Statlog, training will be offered early in the new year by the diocesan Finance & Building team. More information will be shared in due course about the training.

The total value of the SCA grant for 2020/21 was £5.7 million. In August the Diocese received further notification of an additional award of SCA grant of £2.6 million which is in addition to the £5.7 million. This provided a total SCA grant allocation of £8.3 million for 2020/21.

This funding has enabled us to carry out more than 80 projects across the VA school estate this year including boiler and heating system replacements, re-roofing, asbestos removal, window replacement, electrical rewires, fire alarm replacements and projects that addressed major safeguarding concerns. This has been a very welcome investment in the VA school estate.

Letters were issued at the end of November 2020 to all VA schools leaders inviting Bids for SCA funding for 2021/22. We will be extending the submission of the bids to the end of January 2021. Please do get in contact with your professional building consultant to assist in your bid preparation. Schools will be notified of the bid outcomes early in 2021.

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