

SEN INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

Schools Forum - June 2025

Introducing an enhanced support offer for SEMH needs

What is the SEN Investment Fund?

- The fund has been created from the 25/26 schools block transfer and is being used to introduce an enhanced graduated offer to support children and young people with SEMH needs in mainstream educational settings in Leicestershire.
- For 2025/26 this has created a fund of around £2.8m.



SEN Investment Fund Working Group

- A working group of School Leaders and representatives from across SEND and Inclusion support services have been meeting regularly to discuss and shape emerging proposals
- The group is considering how the fund can be used most effectively, including appropriate points for referral and access into the new support offer and how we can measure success and impact
- Questionnaire sent via the Head Teachers briefing to consider existing good practice and gaps in supporting children and young people with SEMH needs. Findings are being used to help us refine the scope of the proposals, ensuring funding is targeted where it is most needed
- Proposals for use of the fund were discussed in focused groups during early May, bringing in feedback from questionnaire
- Regular reporting of progress to school leaders through the Primary and Secondary Heads meetings, Schools Forum and comms briefings as appropriate

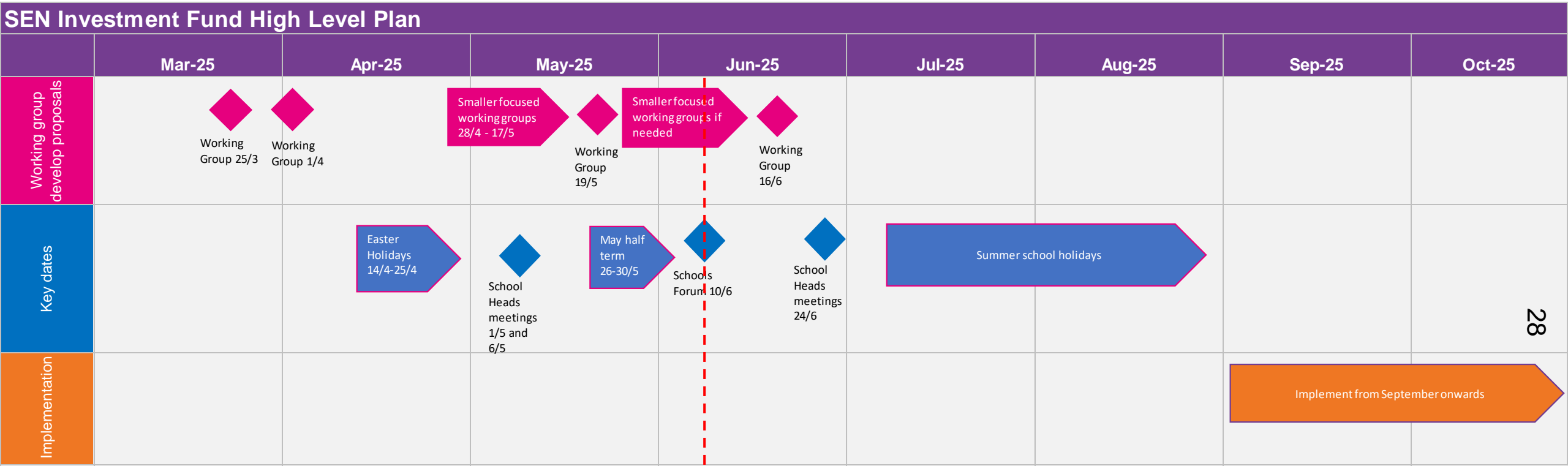
SEMH offers under development

- The Working Group is developing detailed plans for the following in order of priority:
 1. Coaching/training/whole school approaches for school staff
 2. In-school AP/outreach (specific offers being developed for Primary and Secondary)
 3. Bookable online clinics for school staff
 4. Supporting positive relationships with parents
- Representatives from Oakfield and the SEIPs are supporting our planning to ensure alignment with existing support offers.
- Children and young people voice will also be used to help shape the support offer and monitor impact along with ongoing engagement with the SEND Hub.

Next steps

- Final proposals will be agreed at the next meeting of the Working Group with School Leaders and representatives from the Local Authority on 16th June
- Work will be undertaken following the meeting on the 16th to finalise costings and confirm impact measures, including baselining of KPIs to ensure we are able to monitor the impact of the enhanced offers introduced through the Fund
- The package of new offers available to support children and young people with SEMH needs in mainstream schools and how they can be accessed will be communicated out to schools once finalised and back to the Schools Forum at the next meeting in September

SEN Investment Fund – Timeline



Schools Forum support for direction of travel

- The Schools Forum is asked to confirm its support for the direction of travel of ongoing activity to develop an enhanced offer for supporting SEMH needs using the SEN Investment Fund

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