Schools Forum

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 8 November 2021 Virtual (via Zoom)

Members Present:	Keran Currie Patrick Shields Lorraine Slee Neil Ferrigan Dave Harvey Linda O'Callaghan Rob Hitch Leonore Fernandes Markie Hayden Andrew Rendle Cllr Joy Prince (part) Technical issues were	Nathan Walters Rob Veale Jenny Adamson Tyrone Myton Chris Andrew Jaqi Stevenson Soumick Dey Roger Capham Clare Cranham Jane Dickenson Cllr Ian Parker
Observers Present:	Shelley Davies Cllr Margaret Bird John Fennell	Charles Quaye Kathy Roberts
Apologies:	Toby Martlew, Denise	Bushay, Phillip Herd
Chair: Vice Chair:	Jolyon Roberts Theresa Staunton	
Clerk:	Heather Beck	

Declaration of Interest	
There were none.	
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members. Observer at the meeting today was:	
John Fennell – JCA school support	
The meeting was quorate.	

1:	Minutes and actions from the last meeting (4 October Virtual Meeting – Zoom)	
	Matters arising	
	Page 6, Para 4 – Paper to be presented to Post Meet how many young people are represented by the £5m figure (18-25 young people) for a comparison with mainstream school age children ACTION – by Kathy	

Roberts carried forward from 12 July 2021 meeting – Pick up in POST Jolyon MEET Dave Winters (DW) made a specific comment in relation to the situation at Virgo described in the minutes and the fact that a letter was not sent and the explanation given as to why this was not done. He feels there needs to be more questions asked and the responsibility should not fall on the Chair alone. JR said the minutes on Page 2 show that Croydon are picking up the bill for this. As Forum have the remit to look at the DSG spending, it was decided after a conversation with catholic colleagues and officers that this issue had been taken as far as it could go. He reiterated that the minutes properly captured the discussion that took place at the last Forum and that they are a true and accurate record. Dave Harvey (DH) said JR is correct, but when he had asked the question about the £1m plus deficit and he was told it would be met by the LA and this is why he withdrew his question. Since then probably hundreds of thousands has been paid out in redundancies to the staff of Virgo who were not offered posts at the new school. Is this going to be met by the LA with implications to children's centres or Forum? He believes there were 20 staff made redundant. He would like to know a figure and who has picked up the tab for this figure – the LA or Forum? JR said Forum has no stream of funding and no contingency available for this and that he believed this cost would fall to the Council's general fund for this. Shelley Davies (SD) referred to DW comments and said there is open transparency in relation to the decision making around Virgo. There were lost of discussions around Virgo, as part of the LA's owin governance procedures. This i		
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Page 5 – Para 1, ACTION – Patrick Shields said the answer arrived at was that there is still a lack of clarity, however it looks like there is a possibility that the Early Years indicators will be used instead of KS1.	
Rob Hitch (RH) said the oversupply of spaces was previously discussed in Forum and that head teachers have seen drops of 20% in admissions in Croydon. Should we be discussing what the strategic approach to this should be across the borough by e.g. by using data.	
JR agreed with Rob Hitch and asked if this was something that fell to Denise Bushay (DB).	
SD said DB had presented a previous paper (14 June 2021) that talked about the figures in the north and south of the borough. DB is leading in this area and what is being looked at is surpluses based across different parts of the borough and the LA will be in touch with decision makers for new schools.	
JR said this was touched upon and the numbers are freely available. He would urge people to do the work, e.g. restructure, changes in PAN etc, earlier rather than later as if not the deficits quickly build up. This subject can be revisited with DB at another meeting in the new year.	
RH felt this is such a significant issue that it has to be on every agenda and that we should be looking at how the data has shifted.	
JR was in agreement with RH.	
Page 5, Para 1 – Live link for London councils to be circulated to Forum members following the meeting – ACTION	Clerk
Page 8, Q3 – DHasked how we got into this situation where 2 pupils were placed in Cranleigh at a cost over £100k eachPage 8, A3 – ACTION - JR said this was monies owed that was related to those particular students and we were assured by Kathy Roberts that this was a one off payment that should not come back to 'bite us' again in the future.	
 Q1: DH asked is there a deadline for these applications as the deficit recovery plan would be thrown out again; A1: JR said it was funds owing, it was not about bidding for a particular fund. The funding request came in late. A2: Kathy Roberts said this is a historic payment and that placements happen within SEN, so it is not about a cut off or deadline. Any new placements are now being monitored more closely and there is complete records of the LA ongoing financial commitments. 	
Charles Quaye said there was infighting with the service and the school regarding the payment. The DfE intervened and said a one off payment needs to be paid.	
JR pointed out that the £600k due to Harris was for a lot of children.	

Members were again encouraged to join a working group.
All other actions have been completed and minutes agreed.
Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) School Block Formula Factors Review
Charles Quaye (CQ) presented this paper
This paper sets out each of the factors that are used in the Croydon local formula, the rate/amounts in the NFF and rates at the midpoint between the two. The DfE, in the near future, is looking to determine what each individual school is entitled to, based on their own characteristics.
Table 1 illustrates the provisional funding allocated to the LA for 2022/23 of £286,333.669 showing an increase from last year of £5,020,707.
Q1: Jenny Adamson asked if the midpoint is higher in some cases than
the NFF; A1: Jolyon Roberts said the midpoint is not higher but in some cases e.g. last year we paid higher rates than the NFF.
3.1 – Minimum per pupil funding
No decision was needed here as these are nationally agreed arrangements.
3.2 – Age weighted pupil unit (AWPU) No decision was needed. This rate can only be determined after the LA receives the final allocation once other funding rates have been allocated.
3.3.1 – Deprivation – IDACI
This is a compulsory factor made up of free school meals (FSM), free school meals 6 (FSM6) and income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI).
Patrick Shields said that because of the work carried out over the last 6/7 years and in keeping with this spirit, Schools Block unanimously decided to recommend, after careful consideration, to keep last year' rates – Option d. There was a large hit last year on the A & D bands noted in Table 5 and this shifted a lot of things closer to the midpoint.
Jolyon Roberts said the general tone from the Schools Block meeting he attended, was that we were allocated money for deprivation and that this was the year to move to the NFF.
Dave Harvey chose Option 'C' and said IDACI band A is the highest level of deprivation and should be kept the same. He felt bands B, C, D, E and F could be moved to the midpoint.

Patrick Shields said the implication of choosing Option c would be that
the more vulnerable families in band B, C and D would end up losing
more money this year. The reason Schools Block chose to keep to last
year's rate was so that those families would get access to enhanced
support.

Jolyon Roberts said Patrick Shields was right about band A and that is why there was discussion around this at the meeting. There was championing at the meeting of option 'C' and that if we kept to band A, we would be paying above. Therefore, by choosing Option 'C' the IDACI band A would be paid above the NFF while all other bands moved slowly closer to NFF

Q2: Neil Ferrigan asked if deprivation was increasing;

A2: Jolyon Roberts said if fewer children qualify then fewer funds are distributed and visa versa. A strategic decision is made about the banding levels and then when the formula is applied we can see if it will be costing more or less next year.

Jolyon Roberts said School Block was evenly split between Option c and Option d but he does see the advantages of Option c.

Option c: Those in favour = 14Option d: Those in favour = 0Abstention: = 0

3.3.2 – Deprivation – FSM

Patrick Shields said Schools Block agreed to move to the national average rate set in the NFF rate per pupil. Schools Forum agreed.

3.4 - Low Prior Attainment (LPA)

Table 7 illustrates the payments which have applied in previous years.

Jolyon Roberts said Schools Block was in agreement for the monies to be distributed to children that are eligible.

Patrick Shields said there was uncertainty on how the LPA would be defined, but that it looks like they will be using the Early Years outcomes. As we are so close to the national so the feeling was to make that jump now.

Schools Block unanimously agreed to move to the national average rate set in the NFF rate per pupil.

Option a: Those in favour of = 15Option b: Those in favour of = 0Abstention: = 0

3.5 - English as an additional language	
This is an optional factor that Croydon has used in the local formula. Table 8 sets out the rates in 2021/22 and proposed rate for 2022/23.	
CQ to check the pupil numbers shown as EAL in the APT as they seem to be surprisingly low. ACTION	Charles Quaye
Patrick Shields said Schools Block unanimously agreed to move to the national average rate set in the NFF rate per pupil.	
Option a: Those in favour = 15 Option b: Those in favour = 0 Abstention: = 0	
3.6 - Looked after children	
There is no guided NFF rate and Croydon can set the rate locally. This funding goes directly to the Virtual School who give great accountability.	
Q3: Jenny Adamson said the proposed rate has been £500 for a long time. Is this in line with the what the Virtual School need to deliver a service to these young people;	
A3: Jolyon Roberts said from the Virtual School paper produced last year, they had some surplus because of unfilled places.	
Shelley Davies said the Virtual School work within the envelope and make sure the budget is not overspent. The number of CLA fluctuates significantly and there has not been any request from the them for more money.	
Schools Block agree to maintain the existing rates per pupil.	
Option a + b Those in favour = 14 Abstention: = 0	
3.7 - Lump Sum	
Each school received a lump sum of money illustrated in Table 10. Croydon pays above the NFF.	
Jolyon Roberts reminded members that in the past when this figure was varied, smaller schools i.e.1 form entry schools received the most impact.	
Patrick Shields said Schools Block remembered when the figure was changed a couple of years ago and the catastrophic impact this had. Forum quickly reversed the decision the following year. The unanimous recommendation from Schools Block was to retain the higher rate as per prior years of £140,000 per school – Option c.	
Option a: Those in favour = 0 Option b: Those in favour = 0	

Option c: Those in favour = 15 Abstention: = 0 3.8 – Mobility	
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The allocation of the mobility fund is for pupils who join a school on a non- standard date. The DfE have developed a new methodology that enables calculation of distribution funds on a formulaic basis. The unique pupil ID is used to track the movement of pupils for the last 3 years. To be eligible for mobility funding a school has to be above the threshold of 6% in the one year.	
Patrick Shields said Schools Block felt it was right to move to the national average rate set by the NFF rate per pupil.	
Option a: those in favour = 15 Option b: those in favour = 0 Abstention: = 0	
3.9.1 – Private Finance Initiative – PFI	
Jolyon Roberts said the PFI is going to be paused for the moment and at the 23 November 2021 Schools Block meeting the PFI will form a single agenda item. Adam Browne from Oasis will attend this meeting as there were positive changes in that Oasis is requesting less money. The paper will follow onto the 6 December Schools Forum meeting.	
Dave Harvey referred to Page 2 of Schools Block minutes which showed the four funding streams to the PFI contract. He did not realise the LA made a contribution to this and to Virgo as well, unlike the change in Lanfranc. Can there be an explanation to this. Schools Block to provide an explanation of the different funding streams and how they were arrived at - ACTION	Charles Quaye
Patrick Shields said there were two separate papers on the PFI presented at Schools Block. The request is that all the information be brought as one paper to the Schools Block meeting on 23 November 2021 at 10am in St Mary's School . Any Schools Forum members can attend.	
3.10 – Minimum Funding Guarantee - MFG	
This is set at the lowest rate. Table 13 exhibits the previous history of the MFG rate.	
Jolyon Roberts said over time Schools Forum have done good work in bringing down the MFG from £11,425,730 to just £87,337 last year. He was disappointed though to see that it may potentially go up £101,196 in 2022/23. MFG is there to smooth the effect of Forum's decision but not to protect against the fall in pupil numbers.	

There was unanimous agreement to set MFG +0.5%.

3.11 - Growth

The criteria for growth funding for schools was reviewed and approved by Schools Forum on 5 October 2020. The AWPU rates will be applied to the schools who meet the growth criteria.

Table 14 illustrates the growth rate from 2017/18 to the present day.

Schools Forum are requested to note the above.

3.12 – Split site factor

Jolyon Roberts pointed out that Item 3 of the Schools Forum agenda referred to Split site factors. After consideration of the four choices indicated in 3.12.1 it was decided at Schools Block that we stay with the previous methodology of a). He will declare an interest in this as both Pegasus schools are recipients of this funding and abstain.

Rob Hitch will abstain as his school has a split site.

Markie Hayden notified members that the 18% is shown Item 3, Appendix A, Option 1.

- Q5: Neil Ferrigan referred to 18% as one of the criteria and wondered how this was calculated;
- A5: Jolyon Roberts said this was a benchmark and came from the DfE.

Dave Harvey proposes to move to the midpoint from 35k to 50k and this would cost Forum £200k rather than £140k.

Patrick Shields said Schools Block felt it was good to do a benchmarking exercise. From the tone of the meeting there would not be any objection to go with Dave Harvey's proposal. For the sake of consistency and based on the work done historically Schools Block decided on Option a).

- Q6: Jenny Adamson said as the benchmarking exercise is complete, does Croydon have more features in common with Southwark or Sutton. She also pointed out that Option a) was nowhere near the amount of money required to operate a split site school;
- A6: CQ said these are LA that the DfE compares Croydon with. He emailed all accountants that represent LA schools and asked if they could divulge how much they were paying. Only five LA came back to him with their figures.

Dave Winters said he was a member of the Schools Block and had participated in the discussion surrounding this issue. He feels it is entirely reasonable, given the statement this morning from Jolyon Roberts who has experience of operating the factor and that the £35k would seem inadequate therefore a move to the £50k is justifiable. He feels that as a borough Croydon is much more like the borough of Sutton. And therefore we might take their figures as the most useful benchmarking.

	Andrew Rendle said Croydon is difficult to benchmark due the dynamics of south and north of borough. He feels were are more aligned to Southwark. Patrick Shields said the recommendation was, for the purpose of ease and transparency, to adopt the £35k and this was not based on any benchmarking on how much it actually cost to run a split site. It has been acknowledged that it will cost a lot more to run these provisions. It would not go against the tone of Schools Block discussion to adopt Option c) or Option d). Tyrone Myton said we are talking about a small number of schools and the significance of this money is greater to the schools than it is to this. Option a: those in favour = 0 Option b: those in favour = 0 Option c: those in favour = 12 Abstention: = 3	
3:	Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Funding Formula 2022/23 – Split Sites factor Discussed in Item 2.	
4:	Update from Schools Forum Work Groups (for information) Early Years Working Party A meeting was held on 28 September 2021. There are a couple of papers that will be presented to the Schools Form meeting in December 2021. There are ongoing issues around the high needs part of the early years. In regards to the funding issues with Crosfield, any setting has a four week notice period for moving of funding. There is a possibility that some parents will not make the change with regards to Crosfield from their new site and my look at locality placements. Early Years is looking to get a temporary lift for the four weeks' notice so the new setting gets funding straight away. This will allow the child to start rather than waiting four weeks and not be in any setting. Look at temporary funding lift for Crosfield families who may need to join a new school and cannot travel to the new venue – Pick up in POST MEET- ACTION Jolyon Roberts said Crosfield has a major boiler situation and had to vacate the building and go elsewhere. It will be a reasonably long term arrangement. The temporary site is a long way from the permanent site. Shelley Davies said Denise Bushay is the Head of Admissions School Place Planning and Early Years.	Jolyon Roberts
	Discussion around travel arrangements for new site - ACTION <u>Schools Block Working Party</u>	Shelley Davies/

The minutes of the 12 October 2021 meeting have been discussed through the course of the Schools Forum meeting today. Charles Quaye had reminded the working group that they are responsible for making recommendations for this and can be slightly more directive over what goes into the central block, this work stream will be returned to. Admissions has been discussed in Schools Block before and this will be picked up as an Agenda item going forward. Request for interested members to attend the 23 November 2021 meeting in St Mary's school for the discussion on the PFI which will hopefully be thrashed out.

Theresa Staunton/

Denise Bushay

Rob Veale

High Needs Working Party

A meeting was held on 22 September 2021 as the October meeting was cancelled. Work covered was around the accountability and scrutiny of late payments, the Beckmead situation and the drive around clarify and openness. Kathy Roberts and Charles Quaye have taken on the suggestions and challenges of who we are paying and what we are doing. Other useful considerations for the work between Schools Forum, High Needs Block and the LA was having greater clarity of the roles of each of the officers within the LA. Kathy Roberts will be producing a schematic and a dictionary of acronyms. Jonathan Driscoll presented work on the data analysis and the SEND data. It would be good to see more finance pulling through on the data. There is a pre-meet this afternoon for the meeting on the 17 November 2021 at 10am in the Council Chambers and colleagues are welcome to attend. He sees the benefits of meeting in person but understands the changing position.

Dave Winters is not a member of the High Needs working group but reads the minutes carefully and the level of scrutiny exercised in Forum applies to High Needs. High Needs has to contend with a factor that applies to LAs throughout the country and that is the end of funding for provision needed. Forum has representatives of professionals, associations, trade union, councillors, LA officers etc and for Forum to put matters right there is a need for a combined effort to press the government for more funding to this sector of education. The NEU has passed a motion that they will be taking to a national conference which will raise this issue.

Charles Quaye commended Rob Veale and High Needs on the excellent work done. There are grant conditions. The plan was reported to cabinet, audit committee and Schools Forum and there was a meeting with the DfE who looked at the figures. The DfE said once the LA get the pupil figures right, they may get to the stage where they will clear the LA overdraft.

Andrew Rendle referred to the 5.2 c) statutory budget responsibility. There a concern around cancellation of transport due to staff shortages. Is there a funding issue with home school transport?

Rob Veale will add SEN transport cancellations as an agenda item to the next meeting - **ACTION**

	Shelley Davies said that transport does not sit within the directorate and that the budget comes from the general fund. She is having more oversight of the budget now and will have a conversation with Rob Veale on SEN transport – ACTION. The LA is very clear on its strategy which is to focus on children in-borough and making sure the LA has provision for them.	Shelley Davies/ Rob Veale
9:	Any Other Business	
	None Next meeting 6 December 2020	

Abbreviations used within the minutes

- AWPU Average weighted pupil unit
- **BWH Bernard Weatherill House**
- CALAT Croydon Adult Learning and Training
- CHTA Croydon Headteachers Association
- DfE Department for Education
- DSG Dedicated Schools Grant
- EAL English as an additional language
- ESOL English as a second/or other language
- ESFA Education Skills Funding Agency
- EHCP Education, Health and Care Plan
- E-PEP Electronic Personal Education Plan
- ESG Education Services Grant
- EY Early Years
- FSM Free School Meals
- IDACI Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index
- IMD Index of Multiple Deprivation
- INM Independent/non-maintained
- KPI Key Performance Indicator
- LA Local Authority
- LAC Looked After Children
- LLW London Living Wage
- LPA Low Prior Attainment
- MAT Multi-Academy Trust
- MFG Minimum Funding Guarantee
- MNS Maintained Nursery Schools
- **NEOST National Employers Organisation for School Teachers**
- NEET Not in Education, Employment or Training
- NFF National Funding Formula
- PAN Planned Admission Number
- PEP Personal Education Plan
- PFI Private Finance Imitative
- PPG Pupil Premium Grant
- PPL Private Public Limited, Consultancy Firm
- PVI Private, voluntary sector and independent providers
- SLA Service Level Agreement
- SRMA School Resource Management Adviser
- **STPCD School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document**
- STRB School Teachers Review Board
- ToR Terms of Reference
- **TPA** Teacher Professional Association
- UASC Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
- UPN Unique Pupil Number

Academies and their Trusts

Туре	School	Trust	Single Trust or MAT
Primary			U 1117 U
Academy	Aerodrome Primary Academy	REACH2	MAT
Academy	Applegarth Academy	STEP Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Ark Oval Primary Academy	ARK	MAT
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Academy	Broadmead Primary Academy	The Pioneer Academy	MAT
Academy	Castle Hill Academy	The Platonos Trust	MAT
Academy	Chestnut Park Primary School	GLF Schools	MAT
Academy	Chipstead Valley Primary School	PACE Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Courtwood Primary School	The Collegiate Trust	MAT
Academy	Cypress Primary School	Pegasus Academy Trust	MAT
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Academy	Ecclesbourne Primary School	Pegasus Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Fairchildes Primary School	Fairchildes Academy Community Trust	MAT
Academy	Forest Academy	Synaptic Trust	MAT
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Academy	Harris Primary Academy Purley Way	Harris Federation	MAT
Academy	Heathfield Academy	STEP Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Kensington Avenue Primary School	The Manor Trust	MAT
Academy	Keston Primary School	PACE Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Kingsley Primary Academy	Cirrus Primary Academy Trust	MAT
Academy Academy	Monks Orchard Primary and Nursery School New Valley Primary School	Fairchildes Academy Community Trust PACE Academy Trust	MAT MAT
Academy	Oasis Academy Byron	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
Academy	Oasis Academy Ryelands School	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
Academy	Oasis Academy Shirley Park	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
Academy	Park Hill Junior School	The Folio Trust	MAT
Academy	Robert Fitzroy Academy	REACH2	MAT
Academy	Rowdown Primary School St Aidan's Catholic Primary School	Fairchildes Academy Community Trust St. Aidan's Catholic Primary School	MAT
Academy Academy	St Chad's Catholic Primary School	St Chad's Catholic Primary School	Single Single
Academy	St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary Academy	St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary Academy	Single
Academy	St James the Great RC Primary and Nursery School	St James the Great R.C. Primary and Nursery School	Single
Academy	St Mary's Catholic Infant School	St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools Trust	MĂT
Academy	St Mary's Catholic Junior School	St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools Trust	MAT
Academy	St Peter's Primary School	The Folio Trust	MAT
Academy	St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School	St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School	Single
Academy Academy	The Crescent Primary School The South Norwood Academy	The Pioneer Academy The Pioneer Academy	MAT
Academy	The Woodside Academy	Synaptic Trust	MAT
Academy	Tudor Primary Academy	STEP Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	West Thornton Primary Academy	Synaptic Trust (due to change on 31/12/19)	MAT
Academy	Whitehorse Manor Infant School	Pegasus Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Whitehorse Manor Junior School	Pegasus Academy Trust	MAT
Academy	Winterbourne Boys' Academy	The Platonos Trust	MAT
Secondary		Larria Enderation	NAAT
Academy Academy	Harris Academy Purley Harris Academy South Norwood	Harris Federation Harris Federation	MAT MAT
Academy	Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	Harris Federation	MAT
Academy	Meridian High School	GLF Schools	MAT
Academy	Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College	The Manor Trust	MAT
Academy	Oasis Academy Arena	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
Academy	Oasis Academy Coulsdon	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
	Oasis Academy Shirley Park	Oasis Community Learning	MAT
Academy Academy	Orchard Park High School Riddlesdown Collegiate	Greenshaw Learning Trust The Collegiate Trust	MAT MAT
Academy Academy	Shirley High School Performing Arts College	Shirley High School	Single
Academy	St Joseph's College	St Joseph's College Delasalle	Single
Academy	The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy	The BEC Trust	Single
Academy	The Quest Academy - Coloma Trust	The Collegiate Trust	MAT
Academy	Woodcote High School	Woodcote High School	Single
SEN			
Academy	Beckmead family of schools	The Beckmead Trust	MAT
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Casting a vote Members voting card colours	Academies and Free Schools	Maintained Nursery	Maintained Primary	Maintained Secondary	Maintained	Maintained	Maintained	Maintained	Early Years	Non	Overall
Members voting card colours		Schools	School Governors	School Governors	Primary	Secondary	Special Schools		Provider	Schools	Total
	YELLOW	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	PINK	PINK	
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