

# Funding for outcomes

A decision on the **National Funding Formula** has been postponed by central government until 2018-19; this will determine how Herefordshire Council is able to target funding and potentially to provide funding for successful outcomes.

Cuts to the **Education Service Grant** of 75% will impact on Herefordshire schools from 2017-18. Herefordshire Council is currently consulting with schools and academies on a range of measures, including service level agreements, mainly focusing on children's wellbeing and safety and data analysis.

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Discussions with a range of senior leaders from both maintained schools and academy schools suggested outcomes could improve if funding is linked to:

- initiatives to improve teaching and learning/leadership and management
- rewarding results
- targeting key areas where levels of disadvantage and deprivation are high
- collaborative initiatives around the attainment and progress of key groups

# Educational Excellence Everywhere – opportunities for Herefordshire

The white paper presents new opportunities for schools and local authorities. It is proposed that local authority duties will continue to focus on:

- ensuring every child has a school place
- ensuring the needs of vulnerable pupils are identified and met
- acting as champions for all parents and families

# Educational Excellence Everywhere – opportunities for Herefordshire

Any changes to the funding model will require schools to buy into an improvement system.

## Key considerations

- What will work in Herefordshire?
- What will schools value and want to spend money on?
- How will any proposed system ensure that it:
  - provides what is needed across the range of schools in Herefordshire?
  - has a positive impact on outcomes for all pupils?

# Educational Excellence Everywhere – opportunities for Herefordshire

In the Herefordshire context, discussions regarding funding have identified:

- shared vision and values
- commitment to school improvement and the development of innovative practice
- commitment to collaboration and supporting all schools in Herefordshire to attain the highest standards