

School Funding Update 2019-20

- The 2019-20 schools NFF will be broadly the same as the 2018-19 NFF, with the following key differences (already announced):
 - The funding floor will increase to 1% against 2017-18
 - The gains cap will increase to 6.09% against 2017-18
 - The minimum per pupil funding levels will increase to £3,500 and £4,800 for primary and secondary schools respectively
- The most substantial change in 2019-20 will be the introduction of a formulaic approach to the growth factor.

NFF – Growth calculation

- DfE introducing a growth factor
 - Based on lagged pupil growth
 - Measured at middle super output areas
 - Additional amount for new schools
- Growth in pupils funded between two most recent October pupil census
 - Pupil funding rates at £1,370 primary and £2,050 secondary
 - £65,000 for each new school built
- We may get some extra funding – until now we haven't had a growth fund and a policy to allocate – this will be new for us and may be required for 2019-20.

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- PFI factor will be indexed by RPI
- Mobility factor to be improved and maybe introduced for 2020-21
- Primary Low Prior Attainment – small reduction in factor value to reflect the increase in cohort size
- DfE to publish primary and secondary DSG funding values 2019-20 (PUFs & SUFs to multiply by pupil numbers to determine Schools Block)
- DfE to publish illustrative school allocations in July – not sure this is useful as pupil numbers change

High Needs Update 2019-20

- 2019-20 broadly same as 2018-19 with key differences
 - Funding floor increases by 1% compared with 2017-18
 - Gains cap increases to 6.09% equivalent to 3% year on year.
- Special free schools transferred into DSG for 2019-20
- Hospital Education – DfE reviewing allocations with a view to change
- Special school sixth form grant paid into DSG
- **SFVS – to be developed further to include a dashboard for 2019-20 and a voluntary version for academies from September 2018.**

f40 Update 2019-20

- F40 met with Secretary of State last week
 - High needs high on the f40 agenda and stressed without additional funding situation would become critical
 - Expressed importance of teacher recruitment and retention
 - Asked for additional funding to cover pay awards
 - Annual inflation increases for schools and high needs funding
 - Benefits of 3-4 year rolling budget programme for schools to give greater certainty
 - Constructive relationship between DfE officials and f40 to work together to improve National Funding Formula