

**NURSERY EDUCATION FUNDING – PROPOSED ABATEMENT**

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**Schools Affected**

All schools

**Purpose**

To determine whether it is appropriate to apply a similar abatement to schools benefiting from revised nursery funding as that applied to schools in receipt of Learning and Skills Council (LSC) funding.

**Report****1. LMS Formula Funding of Premises and Fixed Costs**

The LMS formula funding model fully funds schools' premises costs as well as other management related costs. The sixth form funding received from the Learning Skills Council is allocated on a full cost basis so includes an element for these costs. The revised nursery education funding formula is calculated on a similar basis. This means that in both cases there is potential for the duplication of funding.

**2. Process of Abatement for Schools in Receipt of Learning Skills Council Sixth Form Funding**

To reflect the fact that schools with sixth forms effectively receive funding twice for premises and other fixed costs we apply a reduction to their budgets. This reduction is applied to Site Specific and School Specific factors of the formula funding model, which include premises, rates, energy, grounds etc. The abatement is based on the number of sixth form pupils as a percentage of the total number of pupils on roll.

**3. Application of Abatement to Schools with Nurseries**

If we adopt a similar approach for schools with nurseries an overall budget reduction of £65,262 would be applied. This will be partially offset by an increase in payment under the Minimum Funding Guarantee, so the net gain will be £50,886. The table below shows the effect of applying a reduction to the budgets of schools with nurseries.

**For Discussion**

- Should the same principles apply to schools in receipt of the revised nursery funding as schools in receipt of Learning Skills Council funding?

## Impact of Proposed Abatement on Allocations to Schools with Nurseries

SCHOOL NAME	FTE NURSERY	NOR INC NURSERY	NURSERY AS A % OF NOR	09/10 NURSERY PLACE LED FUNDING	ORIGINAL 09/10 BUDGET ALLOCATION	MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE	TOTAL 09/10 BUDGET ALLOCATION (INC MFG)	REVISED NURSERY FUNDING	PROPOSED ABATEMENT	REVISED 09/10 BUDGET ALLOCATION	MINIMUM FUNDING GUARANTEE	PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET
BROMYARD, ST. PETER'S PRIMARY	13	202	6.4%	38,961	621,272	0	621,272	43,831	-5,205	620,483	0	620,483
BROADLANDS PRIMARY	8	255	3.1%	34,450	788,578	13,797	802,375	27,048	-2,691	778,178	22,701	800,879
LORD SCUDAMORE	26	583	4.5%	72,934	1,600,084	0	1,600,084	85,599	-4,833	1,607,784	0	1,607,784
MARLBROOK PRIMARY	22	408	5.4%	77,298	1,285,392	0	1,285,392	73,465	-6,494	1,291,702	0	1,291,702
ST. MARTIN'S PRIMARY	13	351	3.7%	68,900	1,164,673	0	1,164,673	43,312	-4,048	1,135,081	0	1,135,081
KINGSTONE & THRUXTON PRIMARY	7	189	3.4%	11,090	596,230	0	596,230	22,169	-2,700	604,210	0	604,210
KINGTON PRIMARY	9	204	4.2%	34,450	635,719	0	635,719	29,014	-3,179	626,996	0	626,996
LEDBURY PRIMARY	26	471	5.5%	68,900	1,347,480	0	1,347,480	85,599	-6,160	1,357,010	0	1,357,010
LEOMINSTER INFANTS'	26	250	10.4%	76,887	794,592	11,893	806,484	86,636	-9,484	794,413	13,254	807,667
ASHFIELD PARK PRIMARY	13	325	4.0%	68,900	993,038	0	993,038	43,312	-4,358	962,642	2,344	964,986
WEOBLEY PRIMARY	5	156	3.2%	34,450	535,610	0	535,610	17,290	-2,773	515,479	0	515,479
WITHINGTON PRIMARY	10	76	13.2%	34,478	283,128	0	283,128	33,554	-9,156	278,239	1,767	280,006
RIVERSIDE PRIMARY	13	344	3.8%	68,900	1,152,381	0	1,152,381	43,831	-4,181	1,123,842	0	1,123,842
				690,598	11,798,175	25,689	11,823,864	634,662	-65,262	11,696,061	40,065	11,736,126

FTE – Fulltime equivalent  
NOR – Numbers on register