

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP TO SCHOOLS FORUM -19  
OCTOBER 2012 - NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**

- a) **Basic entitlement - that the basic per pupil entitlement for primary pupils should be set at £2,756 for each pupil (but subject to a £3 per pupil reduction if (h) below is approved);**
- b) **Basic entitlement - that the basic per pupil entitlement for secondary pupils should be split between KS3 and KS4 to represent the higher costs at KS4. Funding rates would be £3,605 for KS3 pupils and £4,543 for KS4 pupils;**
- c) **Deprivation - that the deprivation indicator should be an allocation of £2,848 for every pupil on the “Ever-6” Free Schools Meals;**
- d) **Looked after children - there should be an additional allocation of £900 for each looked after pupil in 2013/14 in order to match the pupil premium;**
- e) **Prior Attainment - there should be a basic entitlement of £228 for each primary pupil with less than 78 points EYFP and £355 for each secondary pupil not achieving level 4 or above in both maths and English at Key Stage 2 for 2013/14 only, and given potential DfE changes subject to review thereafter;**
- f) **English as an Additional Language - there should be an allocation of £405 for each pupil in the first year only with English as an Additional Language in order to match funding allocated in 2012/13**
- g) **Lump Sum - there should be a lump sum allocation for all schools of £105,000 to fairly represent school fixed costs**
- h) **Pupil mobility - there should be a budget in the High Needs Block of £62,800 to support inclusion of hard to place pupils to be funded by a standard deduction of £3 per pupil from all schools with the impact to be reviewed after one year;**
- i) **Split site costs - there should be no split site allocation in line with the current local school funding formula;**
- j) **Business rates - that, as determined by the DfE, the existing method that business rates are allocated at actual cost should be continued;**
- k) **PFI contracts - that as determined by the DfE, the existing allocation of £190,000 to Whitecross to meet PFI contractual commitments and to be indexed annually in future as per RPI should be continued;**
- l) **Notional SEN - the Notional SEN budget should be consistent with previous Herefordshire practice and based on 6% of the per-pupil funding + 6% of the lump sum + 40% of deprivation funding (Ever-6 Free School Meals) + 100% of prior attainment (as a proxy measure for SEN);**
- m) **De-delegation- retention of funding centrally for trade union facilities time and free school meals assessment be supported;**
- n) **De-delegation - the retention of funding centrally for Ethnic minority support be supported;**

- o) Special school funding - As an interim measure in 2013/14, the funding of special schools on the principle of “maintaining budget stability” by determining the top-up funding according to the existing tariff of standard and enhanced pupil needs for the agreed number of commissioned places be supported;**
- p) Special school additional places - Additional places in excess of the agreed number of places if needed, will be funded at marginal cost as determined by the school’s ability to meet the needs of the pupil;**
- q) PRU funding – Herefordshire model - the continuation of a Herefordshire model whereby high schools contribute a £4,325 p.a. fee for every PRU placement be supported; and**
- r) SEN protection - additional school expenditure on Band 3 & 4 pupils be limited to 1.5% per pupil to be funded by reducing the cap on schools gaining from 1.52% to 0.94% (originally 1.05%) as set out in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report and.**

*Note: Only School members of Forum can vote on the national school funding formula proposals and for items (m) & (n) voting is restricted to locally maintained schools only.*