

NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2020/21

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM



The budget response form must be returned by:
12noon on 2nd December 2019 to:
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Q1: SCHOOL FUNDING VALUES 2020/21 Options for use of any surplus funding after implementing the national formula values	Yes	No
a) It is proposed to implement the national funding formula values in 2020/21 and to allocate the estimated £0.3m share of the national growth fund jointly to the high needs block for primary and secondary schools and basic need.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) It is proposed to include the new mobility factor within the national funding formula for 2020/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Share the national growth fund (within the schools block) £0.3m as follows:		
i) Transfer £0.1m from the schools block to fund the primary SEN protection scheme expenditure in 2020/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Transfer £0.1m from the schools block to fund the secondary SEN protection scheme expenditure in 2020/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Retain £0.1m in the growth fund to meet basic need expansion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Do you accept that without support from the schools block growth fund then the SEN protection scheme for schools with higher than average numbers of high needs pupils must be curtailed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments

Q2: HIGH NEEDS BLOCK		Yes	No
It is estimated that Herefordshire will receive at least an additional £2.0m grant for high needs. It is forecast that the high needs block faces £1.0m of cost pressures in 2020/21 arising from additional pupils with complex high needs who will potentially require out of county placements.			
Additionally, it is proposed to provide at least an inflation increase for high needs tariffs for all schools and to revise the high needs tariff matrix to take greater account of medical needs (mostly tariffs D-F) and to extend the current primary high needs protection scheme to high schools.			
a) Cover existing overspends in high needs	£1.0m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Growth in complex needs places	£0.5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Growth in post-16 places	£0.05m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Increases in tariffs A-C (+2%) and D-F (+5%)	£0.25m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Additional costs from tariff review	£0.2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Extend the SEN protection scheme to high schools	£0.1m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Preventative initiatives to reduce future spend	£0.1m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Less contribution from growth fund schools block	-£0.2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments

Q3: DE-DELEGATION & EDUCATION MANAGEMENT	Yes	No
As in previous years, it is proposed that the following services should be de-delegated for local authority maintained schools: a) trade union facilities - primary only – de-delegated at a reduced cost of £2.75 per primary pupil b) ethnic minority support – secondary and primary Charged at £1.12 per pupil, £6.60 per Ever-6 FSM pupil and £107 per EAL first year pupil. c) school budgeting software licence estimated at £400 per school d) it is proposed to reduce the charge to £12.50 per pupil i.e. a £1 per pupil reduction for the statutory education services provided by the council to non-academy schools. e) trade union facilities – secondary only – no budgets to be de-delegated in line with previous financial years. <i>Please answer individually for each service.</i>	 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments

Q4: EARLY YEARS FUNDING FORMULA	Yes	No
<p>The government have announced an inflation increase for early years, should this be confirmed in the Dedicated Schools Grant announcement then all the values in the current early years funding formula will be increased by the expected 1.8% inflation for the new financial year from April 2020:</p> <p>Do you support an inflation increase for the early years funding formula from April 2020</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Comments		
Q5: GROWTH FUND CRITERIA	Yes	No
<p>In 2019/20 Herefordshire received a formulaic share (£0.3m) of the national growth fund and this is expected to continue in future. It is sensible forward planning to ensure that the criteria for allocating growth funding to schools are approved in advance of particular cases arising. The growth fund can only be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need • support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation • meet the costs of new schools <p>Do you support the criteria set out in the consultation document as the basis for allocating growth funding to qualifying schools?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Comments		

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