

NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2021/22 CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM



The budget response form must be returned by:
12noon on 30th November 2020 to:
School.funding@herefordshire.gov.uk

Q1: SCHOOL FUNDING VALUES 2021/22			Yes	No			
Options for use of any surplus funding after implementing the national formula values:							
a)	a) It is proposed to implement the national funding formula values in 2021/22.						
b)	It is proposed to no longer use the reception uplift factor within the national funding formula for 2021/22						
c)	Share follows	Share the national growth fund (within the schools block) £0.62m as ollows:					
	i)	Transfer £0.3m from the schools block to fund the SEN protection scheme expenditure in 2021/22					
	ii)	Transfer £0.08m from the schools block to fund the an additional £10 per pupil over and above the NFF in 2021/22					
	iii)	Reserve £0.24m for pupil growth funding to meet basic need in the Golden Valley					
d)	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.						
Additional Comments							

Q2: HIGH NEEDS BLOCK			No
It is estimated that Herefordshire will receive an additional high needs.			
Placements in independent schools are forecast to or possibly rising to £0.2m if further placements are necessa £0.3m for 2021/22 will require a budget of £1.6m i.e. an ir 2021/22. Investment in local provision for autism places whelp reduce future cost pressure.			
The remaining £0.5m can be used to meet cost pressures in post-16 placements, top-up tariffs, full year costs of the nurture groups and inflation on mostly tariffs D-F and potential growth in post-16 places and loss of income due to COVID in particular will impact on the PRU and hospitals services.			
a) Growth in complex needs places	£1.05m		
b) Growth in out-county independent school places	£0.5m		
c) Growth in special school and unit places	£0.175m		
d) Full year cost of nurture groups	£0.1m		
e) Increases in tariffs A-C (+1%) and D-F (+2.5%)	£0.125m		
f) Additional 15 intervention places for the PRU	£0.15m		
g) Additional post-16 places	£0.1m		
h) Growth in SEN protection scheme	£0.05m		
i) Growth in hospital places at £5k for 0.5 place	£0.05m		
j) Less contribution from growth fund schools block	-£0.3m		
k) Balance high needs budget with additional income	£2.0m		
Additional Co	mments		

Q3: DE-DELEGATION & EDUCATION MANAGEMENT		Yes	No
	previous years, it is proposed that the following services should be legated 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 £405 per school		
d)	free school meals entitlement to be de-delegated at either		
	A) £1.25 per primary pupil and £0.94 per secondary pupil, or		
	B) £11.50 per primary FSM pupil and £8.50 per secondary FSM pupil		
e)	the statutory education services provided by the council to non-academy schools to continue at £12.50 per pupil.		
f)	trade union facilities – secondary only – no budgets to be de-delegated in line with practice in previous financial years.		
	Please answer individually for each service.		
	Additional Comments		

Q4: Reduce school balances claw-back percentage	Yes	No
It is proposed to reduce the claw-back percentage for locally maintained schools balance balances from 25% down to 20%. The percentage is currently over generous and schools with such high balances are not spending their budget on current pupils. The 20% claw		
back will apply to balances as at 31 st March 2022 i.e. at the end of the 2021/22 financial year.		
Additional Comments		

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Name

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