

NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2022/23

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM



The budget response form must be returned by:
12 noon on 12th November 2021 to:
School.funding@herefordshire.gov.uk

Q1: Reduce school balances claw-back percentage	Yes	No
<p>Herefordshire's approach to school funding for 2022/23 will be as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully fund schools at the National Funding Formula values <input type="checkbox"/> • Transfer funding to high needs block to continue funding the SEN protection scheme <input type="checkbox"/> • Within the high needs block, fund increases in independent schools, add an inflation rise to top-up tariffs particularly for special schools, get a good fix on Beacon College costs <input type="checkbox"/> • Use any surplus in the high needs block to top-up DSG reserves <input type="checkbox"/> 		
<i>Additional Comments</i>		

Q2: SCHOOL FUNDING VALUES 2022/23	Yes	No
<p>Options for use of any surplus funding after implementing the national formula values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It is proposed to implement the national funding formula values in 2022/23 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No b) Subject to affordability, it is proposed to adopt the English as Additional Language Three year factor within the national funding formula for 2022/23 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No c) Share the national growth fund (within the schools block) follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Transfer £0.4m from the schools block to fund the SEN protection scheme expenditure in 2021/22 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ii) Reserve £0.176m for pupil growth funding to meet basic need at Fairfield (10 places) and Kingstone (30 places) in the Golden Valley. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 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"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 		
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Q3: HIGH NEEDS BLOCK 2022/23	Yes	No																												
<p>It is estimated that Herefordshire will receive an additional £2.0m grant for high needs.</p> <p>Pressure for increased placements in independent schools are expected to continue to increase in 2022/23. An initial increase of up to £0.75m may be necessary depending on placements approved in the autumn and spring terms.</p> <p>Beacon College, when operational will require appropriate funding, restructuring support for the PRU (split site allowance £38k and TLR protection £35k) full year costs of the nurture groups (£100k plus £20k support from the behaviour team) and inflation on tariffs D-F and some growth in post-16 places, MFG for special schools (provisionally £100k), growth in hospital places £20k and £10k top-ups and growth in special school and unit places 8 at £200k (place and top-ups).</p> <p>Initial proposals, subject to confirmed available funding from DfE, for the high needs budget for 2022/23 are:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="87 772 1021 1388"> <tr> <td>No growth is proposed for complex needs places</td> <td>£0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>growth in out-county independent school places</td> <td>£0.75m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Growth in special school and unit places</td> <td>£0.2m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Increases in tariffs A-C (2%) D-F(5%)</td> <td>£0.583m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full year cost of nurture groups</td> <td>£0.12m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional PRU split site working costs and TLR protection</td> <td>£0.1m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional hospital places and top-up funding</td> <td>£0.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional post-16 places</td> <td>£0.1m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Growth in SEN protection scheme</td> <td>£0.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beacon College – places and top-up funding - tbc</td> <td>£0.25m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Re-instate DSG reserves</td> <td>£0.2m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total additional high needs expenditure 2022/23</td> <td>£2.387m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expected increase in high needs block funding</td> <td>£1.95m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SEN Protection cost met by transfer from schools block</td> <td>£0.435m</td> </tr> </table> <p>Do you support the initial high needs budget as set out above?</p>	No growth is proposed for complex needs places	£0m	growth in out-county independent school places	£0.75m	Growth in special school and unit places	£0.2m	Increases in tariffs A-C (2%) D-F(5%)	£0.583m	Full year cost of nurture groups	£0.12m	Additional PRU split site working costs and TLR protection	£0.1m	Additional hospital places and top-up funding	£0.05	Additional post-16 places	£0.1m	Growth in SEN protection scheme	£0.05	Beacon College – places and top-up funding - tbc	£0.25m	Re-instate DSG reserves	£0.2m	Total additional high needs expenditure 2022/23	£2.387m	Expected increase in high needs block funding	£1.95m	SEN Protection cost met by transfer from schools block	£0.435m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q4: DE-DELEGATION & EDUCATION MANAGEMENT	Yes	No
<p>It is proposed that an inflationary increase will be applied for de-delegated services for local authority maintained schools:</p> <p>a) trade union facilities - primary only – de-delegated at a cost of £2.60 per primary pupil for teaching unions – a reduction of 15p per pupil. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>b) ethnic minority support – secondary and primary Charged at £1.15 per pupil, £6.80 per Ever-6 FSM pupil and £36 per pupil with EAL within three years <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>c) (i) school budgeting software licence estimated at £415 per school <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (ii) and support the two year contract extension until March 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>d) free school meals entitlement to be de-delegated at £1.29 per primary pupil and £0.97 per secondary pupil <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>e) statutory education services provided by the council to non-academy schools to continue at £12.25 per pupil. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>f) Behaviour support services - a growing proportion of pupils have behavioural, social and emotional difficulties. The services offered will enable schools to manage these difficulties with greater understanding and confidence. The service will be part funded by de-delegation from April 2022 in order to ensure that this essential service remains viable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • option A: £4 per pupil to provide income of £37,500 and a matched contribution from the high needs block <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • option B: £5.25 per pupil to provide some expansion of the service to meet increasing demand growth income of £50,000 and a matched contribution from high needs block <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>Without a contribution from de-delegation the service will have to be curtailed from September 2022. <i>Please answer individually for each service.</i></p>		
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