

## **Schools Forum**

**28 September 2023**

### **Estimated Schools National Funding Formula 2024-25**

This report relates to both academy and maintained mainstream schools and is for the information all school and PVI members of Schools Forum.

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. Inform Schools Forum of the Estimated Schools Block DSG Allocation for 2024-25 and how it will be allocated to schools using the 'hard' National Funding Formula (NFF).
- 1.2. It should be noted that the proposed budgets and figures within this report are an estimate and currently based on current year pupil data. An update will be completed following the October Census and the release of the December Authority Proforma Tool (APT). This will form the final schools budgets which will come to Schools Forum in January 2024.

#### **2. National Funding Formula 2024-25**

- 2.1. The schools block DSG allocation for 2024-25 is £444.3m and is an increase of £18.7m (4.2%) from the 2023-24 allocation and is due to several reasons.
- 2.2. Firstly, minimum pupil funding for 2024-25 is £4,655 in Primary Schools and £6,050 in Secondary Schools. This represents an increase of 5.68% and 5.86% above 2023-24 funding levels.
- 2.3. Secondly, pupil led funding formula factors were increased by between 1.79% and 19.42% above 2023-24 funding levels. A breakdown of how much each factor has increased by is outlined in Appendix 1. Also, Minimum Funding Guarantee has been set at +2.00% again.

2.4. The Estimated DSG allocation for 2024-25 has allowed the Local Authority to continue to apply the 'hard' NFF in 2024-25 as follows:

- Set the Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) rate in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Use all Deprivation rates (Free Schools Meals and Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index) in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Allocate funding for English as an additional language for the maximum 3 eligible years in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Prior attainment set at 100% in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- All schools are allocated a lump sum of £135,700, in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Split sites allocated £38,500 per site and this is a local factor.
- Business Rates are fully funded and this is mandatory.
- Funding to meet minimum per pupil funding (£4,655 for primary school pupils and £6,050 for secondary school pupils) in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Set the Minimum Funding Guarantee at +2.00% in line with the 'hard' NFF.
- Confirmation of the Growth Fund value has yet to be confirmed and is currently estimated as the same as 2023-24.

### **3. School Supplementary Allocations 2024-25**

3.1. When calculating schools block DSG the ESFA use the January census data to calculate individual local authority allocations. These are known as Primary Units of Funding (PUFS) and Secondary Units of Funding (SUFS).

3.2. Therefore, the schools block DSG allocations for 2024-25 are calculated using January 2024 census data. Schools block DSG allocations are announced in December each year and are based on the preceding October census data. If there have been any significant changes in census data between January and October these can be covered by increasing DSG.

3.3. We will inform Schools Forum of any schools supplementary allocation for Warwickshire schools and academies for 2024-25 in January.

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<b>NFF Factors 2023-24 and 2024-25</b>				
<b>Factor</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Change</b>	
<b>AWPU</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>
Primary basic entitlement	3,395	3,597	202	5.95%
KS3 basic entitlement	4,780	5,072	292	6.11%
KS4 basic entitlement	5,380	5,717	337	6.26%
<b>Minimum Per Pupil Funding</b>				
Primary Minimum Per Pupil funding	4,405	4,655	250	5.68%
Secondary Minimum Per Pupil funding	5,715	6,050	335	5.86%
<b>Deprivation</b>				
Primary FSM	480	490	10	2.08%
Secondary FSM	480	490	10	2.08%
Primary FSM6	695	830	135	19.42%
Secondary FSM6	1,015	1,210	195	19.21%
Primary IDACI F	230	235	5	2.17%
Primary IDACI E	280	285	5	1.79%
Primary IDACI D	435	450	15	3.45%
Primary IDACI C	475	490	15	3.16%
Primary IDACI B	510	520	10	1.96%
Primary IDACI A	660	685	25	3.79%
Secondary IDACI F	330	345	15	4.55%
Secondary IDACI E	440	455	15	3.41%
Secondary IDACI D	610	635	25	4.10%
Secondary IDACI C	670	695	25	3.73%
Secondary IDACI B	720	750	30	4.17%
Secondary IDACI A	915	950	35	3.83%
<b>English as an Additional Language</b>				
Primary EAL3	580	595	15	2.59%
Secondary EAL3	1,570	1,605	35	2.23%
<b>Low Prior Attainment</b>				
Primary LPA	1,160	1,185	25	2.16%
Secondary LPA	1,730	1,790	60	3.47%
<b>Mobility</b>				
Primary mobility	175	970	795	454.29%
Secondary mobility	250	1,395	1,145	458.00%
<b>Lump Sum</b>				
Primary lump sum	127,500	135,700	8,200	6.43%
Secondary lump sum	127,500	135,700	8,200	6.43%
<b>Sparsity</b>				
Primary sparsity	56,000	57,700	1,700	3.04%
Secondary sparsity	81,000	83,900	2,900	3.58%