

School Funding Formula 2021/22

Report to the Schools Forum 19 November 2020

- 1.1 As noted in the paper entitled 'Mainstream School Funding 2021/22' presented to the Schools Forum held on 1 October 2020, the DfE is increasing the key factors in the National Funding Formula (NFF) used to allocate local authority Schools Block funding by 3%.
- 1.2 For several years, T&W has had a policy of converging to the NFF in our own local funding formula. Once T&W funding was brought up to the NFF level in 2020/21, we were able to mirror the national formula and in 2020/21 add a small additional amount to formula factors, due to timing differences in the data used to allocate funds to LAs compared to that determining school allocations.
- 1.3 We intend to continue with this approach in 2021/22. As we have yet to receive October 2020 census and other data from the DfE we are unable to provide final details of the funding formula to the Forum, but we can provide indicative information by showing the 2020/21 actual funding factors for T&W schools compared to the 2021/22 NFF factors, as follows:

Factor	T&W Formula FY2020-21	NFF FY 2021-22	Difference
Primary AWPU	£2,865	£3,123	£258
KS3 AWPU	£4,030	£4,404	£374
KS4 AWPU	£4,574	£4,963	£389
FSM Primary	£451	£460	£9
FSM Secondary	£451	£460	£9
Ever6 Primary	£562	£575	£13
Ever6 Secondary	£819	£840	£21
IDACI Primary A	£602	£620	£18
IDACI Primary B	£436	£475	£39
IDACI Primary C	£406	£445	£39
IDACI Primary D	£376	£410	£34
IDACI Primary E	£251	£260	£9
IDACI Primary F	£211	£215	£4
IDACI Secondary A	£842	£865	£23
IDACI Secondary B	£627	£680	£53
IDACI Secondary C	£582	£630	£48
IDACI Secondary D	£537	£580	£43
IDACI Secondary E	£406	£415	£9
IDACI Secondary F	£301	£310	£9
Prior attainment Primary	£1,068	£1,095	£27
Prior attainment Secondary	£1,617	£1,660	£43
Primary EAL	£537	£550	£13
Secondary EAL	£1,444	£1,485	£41
Primary Mobility	£878	£900	£22
Secondary Mobility	£1,264	£1,290	£26
Lump Sum	£114,400	£117,800	£3,400

- 1.4 The DfE now also allocates a formulaic amount of growth funding to local authorities. Based on indicative school numbers in October 2020 (provided by schools to the local authority – we have yet to receive the official census data) we expect to receive around £0.9m for 2021/22.
- 1.5 This is somewhat less than the £1.2m received for 2020/21 but we anticipate will be enough to fund growth in T&W schools, based on applying the same principles that had been agreed by the Forum for 2020/21. This was to fund growth in schools that had either increased their pupil admission number (PAN) in agreement with the local authority, or had been requested by the local authority and agreed to admit pupils above the school's PAN.
- 1.6 The method of applying growth funding would be to use estimated numbers to fund schools for the period September 2021 to March 2022 (maintained schools) or September 2021 to August 2022 (academies). In the case of academies, the local authority's growth fund only pays for the first 7 months, matching that for maintained schools, with the ESFA funding the remaining five months.
- 1.7 Five schools would qualify for such funding in 2021/22, three secondary schools and two primary schools. Three of the five schools are academies and two are primary schools.
- 1.8 Should any funding remain in the growth allocation from the DfE, it will be applied to the school funding formula, increasing funding factors by a uniform percentage.
- 1.9 The Schools Funding Formula is formally approved each year by the Council's Cabinet, but the Forum is asked to express any views concerning the principles of the 2021/22 formula, as outlined above. These will then be communicated to the Cabinet, to inform their decision.

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Sources:

1. DfE 'The national funding formulae for schools and high needs, 2021 – 2022' July 2020.