

## School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations Local Authority Request to Disapply Regulations Form

- 1 Please complete this form to formally request to the Secretary of State for Education to disapply the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations. When submitting this form via the EFA contact form please ensure that you select **LA Funding Formula – Disapplication/ exceptional factor request** from
- 2 You may wish to include brief supporting attachments with your request such as forum minutes (if links not available) or spreadsheet calculations.
- 3 In the 'details of request' box, you should include, where appropriate:
  - What is the impact on the schools concerned?
  - Do the schools benefit from the proposal?
  - Will maintained schools and academies be affected in the same way?

Local Authority number	894
Local Authority	Telford and Wrekin
Funding year request relates to	2017/18
Request category	MFG disapplication
Number of schools affected	1
Have the schools affected by this request been consulted?	
What are the views of the schools affected by this request?	
Does schools forum agree with this request?	To be discussed on 25 November
If yes, please provide link(s) to the minutes showing schools forum agreement	

Details of request (2500 characters maximum)	Please note that if attached files are more than 2.5mb in size then please email them separately to <a href="mailto:academy.questions@education.gsi.gov.uk">academy.questions@education.gsi.gov.uk</a>
<p>Lawley Village Academy (DFE number 894 2000) opened as a new school on 1 September 2015, opening with just a reception class. The school received funding for 2015/16 based upon estimated numbers, and an assumption of average T&amp;W deprivation and average low prior attainment, as at the point that the APT was submitted no data was available.</p> <p>For 2016/17 the school received an MFG allocation due to the actual demographics of their pupils showing less deprivation and higher prior attainment than the average data used in the prior years formula. The school added a new reception class in September 2016 and so now has a reception and year 1 class.</p> <p>In our modelling for the 2017/18 formula, the setting continues to receive an MFG allocation. The school is potentially going to add 2 class groups in September 2017, in response to continued housing growth in the local area (i.e. a further reception class and a mixed age year 3/4 class).</p> <p>The strong growth in pupil numbers is leading to a perverse outcome for MFG, in that rather than decreasing year on year as the formula converges to the reducing MFG figure, the MFG allocation is growing as the school continues to rapidly expand. In other words, because the MFG is calculated per pupil, the pupil growth contribution to the total MFG figure is outweighing the decrease in MFG per pupil. It is also a perverse outcome in that the protection arises from an original estimate of the demographic characteristics of the school that was not accurate.</p> <p>We therefore believe that this situation is an example of "where the normal operation of the MFG would produce perverse results for very small schools with falling or rising rolls". (paragraph 61 of the EFA Operational Guide) and therefore request that the MFG is disapplied in this case.</p> <p>The MFG funding that would be released from excluding the setting from the MFG would be recycled within the schools block funding formula to benefit all schools within the LA.</p>	

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Decision outcome	
Details of the Decision (including any conditions)	
Name	
Date	
Type of Notification	
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