

Schools funding formula guide

2018/19



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This guide applies to mainstream schools.

Early years block

For Early years funding (Nursery, Lower and Primary Schools) please refer to the Early years single funding formula guide 2018/19.

Schools block

Basic entitlement

The Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) is split into a basic entitlement for primary aged pupils and two levels of basic entitlement for secondary aged pupils.

Sector	AWPU
Primary	£3,074
Secondary (Key stage 3)	£4,336
Secondary (Key stage 4)	£5,045

Pupil numbers for each sector have been taken from the Department for Education (DfE) October 2017 School Census return.

Deprivation

From 2018/19, deprivation is allocated on both Free School Meals (FSM) and IDACI.

FSM measures eligibility for current FSM and Ever6 FSM (pupils entitled to free meals at any time in the last 6 years).

Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) is used to calculate deprivation funding. The index uses postcode information and provides a score which is the measure of probability that a child will be deprived. IDACI ensures that funding can be distributed to schools that have pupils living in the most deprived areas that might not be eligible for, or take up, Free School Meals.

Weighted bandings are used to ensure that the maximum numbers of eligible pupils are identified and attract the following funding:

Sector	Primary	Secondary
FSM	£444	£444
FSM6	£540	£785
IDACI band F	£200	£290
IDACI band E	£240	£390
IDACI band D	£360	£515
IDACI band C	£390	£560
IDACI band B	£420	£600
IDACI band A	£575	£810

Lump sum

This factor is to meet the basic operating costs of a school, irrespective of its size. A lump sum of £110,000 has been allocated to all Lower, Primary, Middle and Upper schools.

Split site

This factor is intended to contribute towards additional costs incurred by schools that operate across separate sites. The criterion approved by Schools' Forum is:

"a single school, based on two or more sites that do not share a common boundary, where use of a public highway is necessary to travel between each site and where staff teach more than one curriculum subject area on a daily basis in order to support the principle of a whole school policy".

If a school meets the criteria as set out by the Schools' Forum, funding is provided based on a lump sum of £120,000.

Rates

Allocations are based on estimated rates costs and will also include any adjustments brought forward from previous years, where applicable. No in-year adjustments will be made, any adjustments for 2018/19 will be reflected in the 2019/20 budget.

Rent

This exceptional factor has been approved by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for six schools. Allocations are based on estimated rental costs provided by the qualifying schools and will also include any adjustments brought forward from previous years, where applicable.

Joint use

This exceptional factor has been approved by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for one school. Funding is allocated based on a lump sum.

Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and capping

If a school's budget share is less than the guaranteed funding level then the difference between the two will result in a MFG allocation which is added to the schools block formula. The MFG for 2018/19 is set at 0%. Please note that certain factors are excluded from the calculation (i.e. rates, lump sum and high needs funding).

To afford the MFG, the Schools' Forum approved the limiting of gains and applied a capping of 2.27%. MFG and capping amounts have been calculated using the DfE Tool.

De – delegation

Where services are provided centrally, and the School's Forum have agreed for the Local Authority to administer those services, the allocation for these services will be de-delegated from the schools block. Centrally retained services for 2018/19 are as follows:

Sector	Amount per pupil
Staff costs (staff cover for facilities time)	£2.54

High needs block

This section of the guidance will be updated once the High Needs block allocations have been issued to schools.

Post 16 EFA Funding

The post 16 funding is allocated to each upper school according to the individual allocations received from the ESFA. This will include a main allocation and Bursary Fund.

Notional SEN

Schools are expected to contribute the first £6,000 of educational support for high needs pupils. A notional SEN budget from which to make this contribution has been calculated for each school as 5% of the total of the schools block excluding rates and rent allocations. This is not additional funding and is included within IO1 - Formula Allocation.

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