

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

GUIDE TO SCHOOLS FUNDING FORMULA 2016/17

1. Early Years Block

For Early Years Funding (Nursery, Lower and/ Primary Schools) please refer to the Guide to Early Years Single Funding Formula.

2. Schools Block

a. 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 Value 2016/17	Indicative AWPU value 2017/18
Primary	£3,096	£3,093
Secondary KS3	£4,358	£4,303
Secondary KS4	£5,067	£5,012

The basic per-pupil entitlement (AWPU) for 2016/17 has been increased by £3 to take account of unspent Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) from previous years. This is a one-off increase applicable to the financial year 2016/17 only and schools should reduce the AWPU by £3 when calculating budgets for 2017/18 and beyond.

Pupil numbers for each sector have been taken from the Department for Education (DfE) **October 2015** School Census return.

For schools that are changing the age range it was agreed that pupil numbers will be adjusted to take into account estimated pupil numbers in September 2016. This means that for all schools affected by age range changes the budget for 2016/17 has been calculated based on October Census data for the period April to August 2016, and on admissions information data as at 15 January 2016 for the period September 2016 to March 2017. The criteria agreed with DfE allows the LA to amend funding allocation for 2017/18 where the estimated pupil numbers for the years in question differ from the actual numbers (Sept 2016) by more than +/-5%.

b. De – delegation

Where services are provided Centrally, and the Schools 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 2016/17 includes only Facilities Time serviced. The agreed rate for 2016/17 is as follows:

Service	Amount per Pupil
Facilities Time	£2.61

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c. Deprivation

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. The DfE has updated the 2016/17 IDACI dataset based on the October 2015 census data. As it is five years since the dataset was last updated, there will be a significant degree of movement of pupils between bands at an individual school level.

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:

Band	IDACI Value
1	£0
2	£554
3	£554
4	£1,108
5	£1,662
6	£2,216

d. Looked After Children (LAC)

To provide consistency in the movement to a National Funding Formula the LA in conjunction with Schools Forum agreed to introduce the LAC factor in 2014/15. Only one indicator is allowed to be used when calculating LAC factor funding, this will cover all children being looked after for one day or more on 31st March 2015. Schools will continue to attract a sum of £468 for every **FTE eligible child**. The FTE is calculated based on the % of eligible pupils multiplied by the total number of pupils at the school (total number of pupils is adjusted for schools that are changing the age range and schools with high need provision).

An example has been set as below:

The % of eligible pupils as per DfE for School A is 1%

The total number of pupils at School A is 50.

LAC factor funding will be = 50 x 1% = 0.5 FTE x 468 = £234

e. Lump Sum

The aim of the lump sum is to meet the basic operating costs of a school, irrespective of its size. A lump sum of **£120,000** has been allocated to all Lower, Primary, Middle and Upper schools.

f. Split Site

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

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“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 on the basis of a lump sum of **£120,000**.

g. Rates

Rates allocations for 2016/17 are based on **estimated** rates costs. The allocations for 2016/17 will include adjustments as necessary for actual rates paid in 2015/16. As was the case in 2015/16, there will be no in year adjustments in 2016/17; where applicable any adjustments for 2016/17 will be reflected in the 2017/18 budgets.

h. Rent (Exceptional factor)

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) has approved “Rent” as an exceptional factor for 2016/17. There are only six schools that qualify for this exceptional factor. Rent allocations for 2016/17 are based on **estimated** rental costs provided by the qualifying schools.

i. Joint Use (Exceptional factor)

Funding for a joint use agreement must be approved by the DfE or EFA as appropriate. Funding is allocated on the basis of a lump sum.

j. Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)/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. The MFG for 2016/17 is set at minus 1.5%. Please note that certain factors are excluded from the calculation (i.e. Rates, Lump Sum and Statementing).

In order to afford the MFG, the Schools' Forum approved the limiting of gains and applied a capping of 2.2%. MFG and Capping amounts have been calculated using the DfE Tool.

3. High Needs Block

a. Statementing allocation

Allocations are provided by the SEN and Inclusion team, and are for qualifying pupils only.

b. Hearing Impaired Units

Where a school has a Hearing Impaired Unit, funding is included in the 2016/17 budget and is based on the number of places available for this type of unit.

c. Language Provisions (Units)

Where a school has a Language Provision / ASD Provision Unit or a Unit for SEN pupils, funding is included in the 2016/17 budget and is based on the maximum number of places available for the type of provision in place.

For more details on the High Needs Block allocations please contact the SEN and Inclusion team on 0300 300 6084.

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4. Post 16 EFA Funding

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

5. 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 less rates and rent allocations. This is **not** additional funding and is included in I01 - Formula Allocation.

6. Growth Funding

Growth funding is available on application for two specific purposes:

- to assist with revenue costs **where the Council commissions** new pre-16 school places and;
- to enable schools to comply with Infant Class Size Regulations **where a breach is unavoidable**.

New pre-16 School Places

Where the Council commissions new school places as a new school or equivalent new split site school provision, or as significant permanent or temporary (i.e. to accommodate a bulge year) increases to an existing school site, this factor will provide funding for the pre opening costs of establishing that new provision and will also protect against the potential financial impact of admissions falling short of the agreed additional capacity by providing place led guarantees.

Qualifying provision will include:

- new schools
- expansions to existing schools on additional sites
- temporary or permanent expansions to existing schools on their current sites

Related costs that may be considered for support include those associated with:

- Project Management and Support
- Administration and legal assistance
- Governance induction and training
- Advice on establishing HR, Admission, Finance and other policies
- Lead in year (pre opening) staff
- Curriculum resources (consumables)

Qualifying schools will be invited to make an application and will be supported by Council Officers in the process. Successful applications for Growth Fund will be approved on the basis that allocations will be spent or formally committed for imminent expenditure within the financial year that they are awarded. The Panel's assessment of subsequent applications will take account of any unspent or uncommitted allocations previously made to schools and academies from the Growth Fund. Surplus balances brought forward from previous years prior to the Council's commissioning of new school places will not be taken into account in assessing a Growth Fund application.

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Infant Class Size funding

Growth Funding will also be used to assist lower and primary schools to meet infant class size regulations, **where a breach is unavoidable**.

However, the following conditions will apply:

1. Schools with fewer than 30 Key Stage 1 pupils will not be eligible for infant class size funding as the lump sum in the funding formula is deemed to provide sufficient resources for one infant class in any Lower School.
2. Schools who have a total number of Key Stage 1 pupils within five of multiples of 30 will not be eligible for infant class size funding as they are also deemed to have sufficient resources within their delegated budgets to organise all infant classes at 30 pupils or less e.g. 55, 85, 115 infant pupils – no infant class size funding. Therefore the qualifying class will only be funded up to a maximum of 25 places.
3. Any application will trigger a review of the school's Published Admission Number (PAN)
4. Any successful application will only be guaranteed for one academic year, with new application following in the new academic year.
5. Small schools with less than 90 children on roll will be expected to consider a mix of Key Stages
6. Schools are expected to first utilise their reserves for the additional costs of employing an additional teacher, before infant class size funding will be considered.

October pupil numbers will be used to calculate class size funding. Applications for class size funding can be made by schools from the beginning of April 2016, the deadline for applications to be received by the Council's School Organisation, Admissions and Capital Planning Service will be the end of November 2016.

All applications will be assessed by a panel consisting of Council Officers and members of the Schools' Forum and successful applications will be reported to the Schools' Forum.

For any queries relating to Infant Class Size regulations or to request an application form please contact to the Council's School Organisation, Admissions and Capital Planning Service on 0300 300 8037.