

THE 2014/15 SCHOOL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND COMPARISON WITH 2013/14

The school allocations were issued to schools on 31st January 2014.

1. Calculation of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2013/14

Using the October 2013 pupil census data of 17,259 this translates into a DSG allocation of £88.814 million. After excluding funding increases to take account of new or increasing statutory responsibilities in relation to 2 year olds, newly qualified teacher induction costs, there has been no increase added to the overall envelop of money.

Until the pupil data is verified by the DfE at the end of June, the DSG is still subject to changes. The majority of DSG is to fund schools including academies through the locally determined formula, ensuring that the Minimum Per Pupil Funding Guarantee is met. This grant also funds centrally funded statutory education activities such as the Pupil Referral Unit, Special Educational Needs and Nursery Education.

2. How the DSG is allocated across the sub formulae

The % split of how the funding has been allocated to schools through the formula for 14/15 is listed below:

- 73.64% Per Pupil Entitlement
- 4.46% School specific lump sum
- 10.07% Deprivation (FSM & IDAC)
- 4.83% Low cost high incidence SEN (Attainment)
- 0.20% English as an additional language
- 0.40% Split Sites
- 1.00% Rates
- 0.33% PFI
- 1.43% To ensure MFG is met
- 1.86% Nursery funding
- 0.87% Statementing above £6k
- 0.91% Enhanced provision
- **100% Total school funding (Excluding Pupil Premium)**

3. Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2014/15

The DfE has again set MFG at minus 1.5% to ensure that no school has a cut in its allocation of more than 1.5% per pupil before pupil premium, nursery funding, statementing above £6k and enhanced provision are included. This is detailed in Appendix 2.

4. Per Pupil Entitlement

Year	Key Stage 1 & 2	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
2014/15	£2,737	£3,753 *	£3,933 *
2013/14	£2,661	£3,782	£3,962

* Reflects the transfer of monies to fund the change to the Secondary lump sum

5. **Statementing**

In 13/14 due to the considerable changes to our formula, we showed the allocations for statementing below £6k and new delegation as separate allocations. In 14/15 these have been subsumed into the various sub formulas which remain such as PPE, Deprivation, and Attainment etc. Therefore these are no longer separately identifiable. Schools will only be able to identify allocations for statements over £6k. The funding for statements below £6k is allocated out through a combination of PPE, Deprivation and Attainment. These allocations are based upon information notified to us as at 21st January 2014 by the SEN Team.

6. **Pupil Premium**

For 2014/15, the allocation takes into account the number of pupils in a school from the 2014 January pupil census who have **ever** been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, this is known as "Ever 6".

However the Jan 14 "Ever 6" numbers are not finalised until the Autumn Term by the EFA so your allocation for PP is currently based on Jan 13 numbers and will therefore be subject to an adjustment later in the financial year.

The amounts for 14/15 are as follows:-

£1,300 per primary pupil who is/ever was eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years.

£935 per secondary pupil who is/ever was eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years.

£1,900 per pupil for those children who have been looked after for one day or more.

In 14/15 this has also been expanded to include children who have been adopted from care or left care under a special guardianship or residence order. Eligible adopted pupils will need to have been registered on the school census to attract the £1,900.

£300 per pupil for those from Service (armed forces) families.

For pupils who are looked after, the allocation to the school including academies will be made by the Local Authority no earlier than the Autumn Term when the looked after children figure has been confirmed by the DfE.

7. **Scaling Back**

In 2013/14 the funding formula was scaled back to 74%. The Schools Forum agreed at the 9th January meeting that if affordable this should be removed. Therefore instead of inflating the unit values for PPE, the scaling back has been removed completely.

8. **Comparison with 2013/14**

Pupil numbers have increased in primary and decreased in secondary resulting in a net increase of 213 pupils. The overall funding via the formula for 14/15 totalled £70.2m which is an increase of £1m (1.5%) in comparison to 13/14. The most significant changes have

been highlighted in the attached spreadsheet and in the main are directly related to the increase or decrease in pupil numbers. The average increase for Primary Schools is 3.5% in cash terms and for Secondary Schools there is an average decrease of 0.7% in cash terms which is mainly due to falling pupil numbers.

9. Special Schools

The individual "Funds Allocation" for Schools has been derived using the Torbay Funding Formula of £10k per agreed place with a variable top-up, per category of child. The number of places has increased from 392 to 408. The funding has increased from £6.4m to £6.9m to reflect this and the changes to Mayfield and Chestnut which have been brought together formally in the funding formula for the first time. See attached summary sheet of allocations.

10. Inflation

In overall terms, the funding resource from DfE has remained the same as 2013/14, therefore there has not been any inflation applied to any formula.

11. Changes to Places and Outreach

14/15 Funding has taken account of the agreed provision of places at each school after discussions between the Heads and Dorothy Hadleigh (Head of SEN). This includes a growth in places for both April 14 and Sept 14. For 14/15 Chestnut provision has been included within the Mayfield allocation including an increase in outreach. For Torbay School a new stepped approach to the BESD funding bandings has been adopted, all of which has been presented to Schools Forum.

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