

Schools Forum

7th July 2022

National Update

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- Universal Infant Free School Meals
 - Per pupil rate has increased by 7p to £2.41
 - Additional payment in the 2021/22 final allocations to backdate new rate to April 2022
 - Provisional 2022/23 allocations have been calculated using total eligible meals in 2021/22 with the new per pupil rate.
- School-Led Tutoring
 - Year end statement has been released, deadline 16th September
 - Mandatory return for all schools who have received the grant
 - Need to provide the following information
 - Total amount spent on school-led tutoring in AY 2021/22
 - Total number of pupils who have received school-led tuition
 - Total number of hours of school-led tuition

National Update

- Shared Parental Leave
 - Can take maternity leave in 3 separate blocks
 - This means that teachers can take maternity leave during term time & be on full pay during school holidays.
 - Eligible as long as partner is eligible.
 - Both teachers and officers can take shared parental leave
 - Officers maternity pay is paid by the school
 - For maintained primary schools, teacher maternity pay is paid by the Local Authority, which is funded by de-delegated funding as part of school budget shares
 - Maternity pay insurance pot currently only covers maternity pay, not full pay periods.
 - Can only be asked to work during full pay periods if all similar staff are being expected to work.

National Update

- Shared Parental Leave
 - Scenario 1 – TMS4 teacher. 1st day of leave is 08/11/2021, returns to work 24/07/2022. Full pay for Easter & May/June half term
 - Standard maternity leave cost = £12,050.89
 - Shared parental leave costs = £14,311.66
 - Maternity Insurance pot cost = £11,580.91
 - School Full Pay cost = £2,730.75
 - Scenario 2 – UPS2 teacher. 1st day of leave is 03/01/2022, returns to work 03/10/2022. Full pay for Summer Holidays
 - Standard maternity leave cost = £14,253.72
 - Shared parental leave costs = £18,680.43
 - Maternity Insurance pot cost = £13,380.90
 - School Full Pay cost = £5,299.53

National Update

- Shared Parental Leave
 - Scenario 3 – Leadership 22. 1st day of leave is 06/06/2022, returns to work 19/02/2023. Full pay for Summer holidays, October half term, Christmas & February half term
 - Standard maternity leave cost = £20,872.86
 - Shared parental leave costs = £26,069.91
 - Maternity Insurance pot cost = £11,978.40
 - School Full Pay cost = £14,091.51

2021/22 DSG Outturn & Reserves

Overview Outturn & Reserves

- Centrally held DSG had an underspend of £1.5m
 - Due to High Needs underspend of £1.7m, offset by a £0.1m overspend on Early Years and a £0.1m overspend on de-delegated services, some of which was planned.
- This left a £5.9M DSG reserve closing balance
 - Central - £5.4m; Other - £0.5m
- After 22/23 reserve contributions this leaves £5.6M
 - Central - £5.1m; Other - £0.5m
- Maintained Schools and PRUs reserve - £24.8m

DSG Outturn Block Analysis

Block	Central £000's	Other £000's	Comments
Schools Block	0	-47	Underspend on school budget shares due to academy conversions
Early Years Block	97		Central underspend due to vacancies & DAF underspend offset by reduction in 20/21 DSG allocation
De-delegated	123		Planned overspend on New Arrivals and overspend on Teacher Maternity
High Needs	-1,704		£1.5m overspend on provision offset by £0.5m underspend on central areas & £2.7m holding pot
Central	-39		Underspend on admissions
Total	-1,523	-47	Net £1.6m underspend

High Needs Underspend

- Underspend on the HN block for 21/22 was £1.7m
 - Overspend on provision offset by central underspends and money being put aside for future use.

High Needs Area	(Under)/ over spend £000s
High Needs Inclusion	100
High Needs Top Up - Mainstream	350
SEN Personal Budgets	100
SEN External Placements	600
High Needs Top Up - Further Education	300
Total Provision Overspend	1,450
Total Central Underspend	-450
HN Holding Pot	-2,700
Total High Needs Underspend	-1,700

DSG Reserve Position

21/22

	Central £m	Other £m
Opening Balance as @ 01/04/21	-4.3	-0.5
Budget Setting 2021/22- use of reserves	0.5	
In-year under/ overspend	-1.5	0.0
Rounding adjustment	-0.1	
Closing Balance as @ 31/3/22	-5.4	-0.5
Budget Setting 22/23	0.4	
Early Years adj - 2 year olds	-0.1	
Early Years adj - 3 & 4 year olds	-0.1	
Rounding adjustment	0.1	
Remaining Balance	-5.1	-0.5
General	-5.0	
Earmarked: De-delegated	-0.1	
Earmarked: NNDR		-0.5

2021/22 School Balances

School Balances – Summary by Phase

Total Reported Balances by Phase Including Academies

School Type	19-20	Change	20-21	Change	21-22	21-22 Balance % of budget
	Balance (£000's)		Balance (£000's)		Balance (£000's)	
Primary (inc Nursery)	24,767	+4,100	28,868	+10	28,877	19.2%
Secondary	15,089	-697	14,393	+3,454	17,847	14.2%
Special & PRU's	2,773	+945	3,718	+1,755	5,473	19.6%
Total	42,629	+4,349	46,978	+5,219	52,197	17.2%

Age Profile of School Balances – No. of schools & academies by Phase

Reported balances as a % of school budget shares across 3 years

School Type	<5%			5% - 10%			>10%		
	19-20	20-21	21-22	19-20	20-21	21-22	19-20	20-21	21-22
Primary	5	15	8	15	13	9	67	59	70
Secondary	7	6	4	4	4	2	10	11	15
Special & PRU	6	3	1	0	3	2	3	3	6
Total	18	24	13	19	20	13	80	73	91

NFF & EYNFF Consultations

NFF Consultation

- Latest NFF consultation launched 7th June 2022
- Deadline for responses 9th September 2022
- Council will be providing a response
- Transition to full NFF by 2027/28 at the latest
- Consultation covers
 - Transfer of High Needs budget
 - Individual SEND budgets
 - Growth Fund
 - Premises Funding
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee
 - The annual funding cycle
 - Data Collection

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Transfer of High Needs budget
 - Currently large number of LA's transfer 0.5% of their Schools Block DSG to the High Needs Block
 - Still possible to transfer DSG between blocks
 - Application process will now have short menu of options instead of LAs having freedom to propose how transfers will be made
 - Aim is to simplify the application process and to support consistency in decision making
- Individual SEND budgets
 - Schools budget shares contain a notional SEN budget
 - This budget is calculated by using proportions of pupil led factors that it is felt contribute to SEN, mainly deprivation factors.
 - This is the funding that covers the £6k that schools must contribute towards each pupil with an EHCP
 - Currently how this is calculated is set by LAs
 - Proposal for this to be calculated nationally under the hard NFF

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Growth Fund
 - The growth fund is the funding used to operate the following funding streams
 - In year admissions
 - Infant class size funding
 - Secondary growth
 - Increasing Forms of Entry
 - New and growing schools
 - Consultation proposes two methods of operating the growth fund in the future to be implemented from 2024/25
 - National standardised system
 - Retain some local flexibility (DfE's preference)

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Growth Fund – National Standardised System
 - LAs submit data on schools that are forecast to grow
 - National eligibility criteria to determine whether forecast growth (or decline) would be sufficient to attract funding
 - Suggested thresholds

School Size	Threshold for significant growth
Fewer than 300 pupils	15 pupils
Between 300 & 600 pupils	5 % increase in NOR
Greater than 600 pupils	30 pupils

- DfE would set standardised funding amounts for schools growth allocations based on the basic entitlement rate
- First time DfE have considered providing funding for less than 30 pupils
- Currently 34 schools fewer than 300 (33 Pri & 1 Sec), 48 between 300 & 600 (45 Pri & 3 Sec) & 28 more than 600 (8 Pri & 18 Sec).

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Growth Fund – Retain some local flexibility
 - LAs could decide how to allocate their growth fund allocation within certain restrictions
 - LAs use a standard formulation for their growth criteria.
 - Place minimum requirements on LAs growth criteria to ensure schools are assured of a basic level of funding for additional pupils
 - DfE could place minimum expectations on the circumstances in which LAs would be required to provide growth funding
 - No mention of Class Size Funding or In Year Admissions funding

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Growth Fund – Other proposals
 - Falling Rolls
 - Considering removing the restriction that schools must be judged Good or Outstanding by Ofsted to be eligible for falling rolls funding
 - Standardise the eligibility criteria including a minimum threshold for a schools decline in numbers to be eligible for funding.
 - LA allocations
 - Re-baselining the total amount of growth funding nationally to better reflect spending patterns. Currently based on spending levels in 2018/19. Proposal to re-set national total on the basis on 2023/24 spend.
 - Funding allocations to include areas that have seen significant declines in pupil numbers, not just growth.
 - Use growth fund for revenue costs associated with repurposing or reducing school places
 - Gives LA extra tools to best use the school estate
 - Consulting on whether maintained schools should be able to access popular growth funding

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Premises Funding
 - Proposed split sites factor
 - Basic eligibility (20% of NFF lump sum) + Distance Eligibility (40% of NFF lump sum)
 - Basic eligibility = sites must be separated by a public road or railway
 - Distance eligibility = 500 metres by road
 - 2022/23 split sites factor = £87,849
 - 60% of 2022/23 lump sum = £73,026
 - Exceptional Circumstances
 - Currently criteria = cost is > 1% of school's budget and affects fewer than 5% of schools in the area
 - Proposed criteria = cost is > 2.5% of school's budget and affects fewer than 5% of schools in the area

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Minimum Funding Guarantee
 - Use the local formulae baselines for the MFG in the year the hard NFF is introduced
 - NFF & local formulae baselines have drifted apart due to different initial baselines being used.
 - Potentially advantageous to schools within LA's who have managed to pass on the full MFG each year

NFF Consultation (cont)

- The annual funding cycle
 - Currently NFF factor values & notional school allocations are published in July
 - Two options instead of this
 - Continue with this approach – gives notional funding if pupil numbers & characteristic remain unchanged
 - In September, publish a calculator which allows school to input their own pupil data to see what their funding would be.
- Consultation also outlines new data collections when hard NFF comes into forces
 - E.G. de-delegation, exceptional circumstances etc

NFF Consultation (cont)

- Implementation Timescales
 - Full NFF by 2027-28 at the latest
 - Split Sites – 2024/25*
 - Exceptional Circumstances – 2027-28*
 - Growth Funding – 2024-25*
 - ACA – 2024-25
 - PFI – Further consultation required
- *dependant on the outcome of this consultation

Decision – Schools Forum NFF Consultation Response

- The Schools Forum should vote on whether to submit a Schools Forum response to the NFF Consultation

Voting: All

EYNFF Consultation

- EYNFF consultation launched 4th July 2022
- Deadline for responses 16th September 2022
- Council will be providing a response
- Consultation covers
 - Returning to EYNFF
 - Updating Data Sets
 - Teachers Pay and Pension Grants
 - Maintained Nursery School – Supplementary Funding

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- EYNFF introduced in 2017/18
- Since 2020/21 LAs have been provided with fixed pence uplifts
- Proposing to return to using the formula from 2023/24
- 3 & 4 year old Formula
 - 89.5% of funding based on universal base rate
 - 8% of funding based on FSM eligibility for KS1 & KS2 children
 - 1.5% of funding based on EAL for KS1 & KS2 children
 - 1% of funding based on Disability Allowance for 3 & 4 year olds
- 2 year old formula
 - 100% of funding based on universal base rate

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- Proposal to update datasets used and continue to update whenever an update is available.

Data	Source of data	Date of data currently used in formula	Date of latest available data (used in accompanying modelling)	Date of data to be used for final rates
Free school meals (FSM)	DfE Annual Schools Censuses	January 2016	January 2021	January 2022
English as an additional language (EAL)	DfE Annual Schools Censuses	January 2016	January 2021	January 2022
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	August 2015	February 2020	February 2021 ⁶

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- Teachers Pay & Pension Grant
 - Currently school based nurseries and MNS receive teachers pay and pension grants.
 - Provide support to schools for 2018 & 2019 teachers pay awards & the cost of the 2019 increase in employer pension contributions
 - Proposing to roll this funding into the 3 & 4 year old entitlements funding
 - LAs encouraged to use a quality supplement to ensure this funding continues to be used to support some of the costs it was originally designed for.

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- Formula Protection
 - Currently a loss cap. Ensures no LA could lose more than 10% from their 16/17 baseline
 - From 23/24 propose the following protections
 - Minimum Funding Floor (3 & 4 YO) - £4.61 in 2022/23. Proposing to increase this by the national average rate increase. Modelling suggests this could be £4.86.
 - Year to Year Protections (3 & 4 YO) – Hourly funding rate LAs receive will increase by at least 1%
 - Gains Cap (2, 3 & 4 YO) – Modelling suggests this will be set at 8.6% (2 YO) and 4.5% (3 & 4 YO)

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- EYNFF Coventry Impact
 - Modelling suggests CCC hourly rate could be £5.14 (5.98% increase from 22/23) for 3 & 4 YO and £5.83 for 2 YO (3.92% increase)
 - 3 & 4 YO rate subject to cap, so indicative rate would be £5.07
- EYNFF National Impact (3 & 4 YO)
 - 31 LAs on the funding floor
 - 49 LAs would benefit from protection to ensure a 1% increase
 - 43 LAs affected by the gains cap of 4.5%
 - 27 LAs unaffected by protection mechanisms
- EYNFF National Impact (2 YO)
 - 64 LAs benefit from protection to ensure a 1% increase
 - 38 LAs impacted by gains cap
 - 48 LAs unaffected by protection mechanisms

EYNFF Consultation (cont)

- Maintained Nursery Schools
 - Receive supplementary funding on top of EYNFF allocation
 - Based on amount each LA was spending on its MNS in 2016/17
 - Varies widely from LA to LA.
 - Highest = £12.76
 - Lowest = £0.33
 - CCC = £3.93
 - Proposed reform to close this variation requires additional £10m for MNS supplementary funding from 2023/24
 - Proposal is to provide a 3.1% uplift on 22/23 rate
- Protection
 - Minimum funding floor – Model suggests this could be set at £3.80. (CCC £4.03)
 - Funding Cap – Proposal to set this at £10. 2 LAs currently above this

Decision – Schools Forum EYNFF Consultation Response

- The Schools Forum should vote on whether to submit a Schools Forum response to the EYNFF Consultation

Voting: All

Membership update

Membership Update

- Review of Schools Forum membership carried out
 - Normally just an update ahead of Sept at this stage
- No structural changes, existing vacancies remain
 - This will mean 2 academy vacancies
- Membership report at September meeting as usual

Membership Update

Respresented sector	Current Membership	Updated Membership	Structural Changes	Vacancies at Sept-22
Primary Schools	7	7	0	0
Secondary Schools	0	0	0	0
Mainstream Academies	11	11	0	2
Special Schools	2	2	0	0
Special Academies	1	1	0	0
Maintained Nursery School	1	1	0	0
Pupil Refferal Unit (PRU)	1	1	0	0
Total	23	23	0	2