

Small School Sparsity Modelling - West Berkshire

SCHOOL	Average Distance	Total NOR	Model A	Model B	Model C
			Current Criteria	Proposed Criteria	+ Increase Sec'y
			Avg distance 2 (p) or 3 (s) miles or more, 150 (p) or 600 (s) pupils or less	Avg distance 1.5 (p) or 5 (s) miles or more, 90 (p) or 600 (s) pupils or less	as Model B
			£100,000	£100,000	£100,000
			£100,000	£300,000	£600,000
Chaddleworth St Andrews Primary	1.48	23	0	0	
Shefford Primary School (federated with Chaddleworth)	2.36	23	84,667	74,444	74,444
Brimpton Church of England Primary School	1.57	41	0	54,444	54,444
Beedon Church of England Controlled Primary School	1.96	41	0	54,444	54,444
Enborne Church of England Primary School	1.50	58	0	35,556	35,556
The Ilsleys' Primary School	2.10	58	61,333	35,556	35,556
Purley Church of England School	0.49	69	0	0	0
Inkpen Primary School	1.83	79	0	12,222	12,222
Yattendon Church of England Primary School	2.08	82	45,333	8,889	8,889
Shaw-cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	0.59	84	0	0	0
Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	2.05	87	42,000	3,333	3,333
Beenham Primary School	1.20	94	0		
Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	1.07	95	0		
Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	1.31	98	0		
Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	1.79	101	0		
Curridge Primary School	1.20	101	0		
Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	2.28	103	31,333		
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	1.31	104	0		
Stockcross Church of England Primary School	1.83	107	0		
Englefield Church of England Primary School	1.21	109	0		
Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	1.25	126	0		
Basildon Church of England Primary School	2.20	138	8,000		
Compton Church of England Primary School	1.77	145	0		
John O' Gaunt Secondary School (fixed sum in model A)	6.77	376	100,000	112,000	224,000
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING			£372,667	£390,889	£502,889

Notes

Model uses tapered funding to avoid a "cliff edge" and to reflect that necessary schools with lower pupil numbers require more funding.

The per pupil funding needs to be less than the AWPU rate so that there is a financial incentive for schools to increase pupil numbers rather than maximise sparsity funding

PRIMARY: Decrease number of pupils to 90 and decrease distance criteria to 1 mile on a tapered basis only

The size of primary school has been lowered from 150 to 90 pupils to reflect that schools with 90 pupils have enough funding through AWPU to operate with 3+ classes

The result of lowering the distance criteria to 1 mile for primary, is that all the very small **rural** schools with less than 90 pupils will receive the funding they need to continue to be viable

The 2 schools less than 1 mile are not in rural areas and have alternative primary provision nearby

The schools between 1 and 2 miles are all in rural areas where walking to the next nearest school along country unlit lanes is not realistic; the next nearest school is invariably another small village school unlikely to be able to accommodate many additional pupils; village schools tend to be the hub of the community which would be lost if the school is closed.

This formula therefore works for West Berkshire primary schools in that it keeps these necessary small schools open at minimal cost.

The cost to West Berkshire for primary schools is slightly less than using the current parameters, yet targets what we consider to be the necessary schools that need the funding. There would also be a MFG saving of approx £100k as most of these small schools are receiving MFG funding

SECONDARY: Increase maximum funding to £300k or £600k on a tapered basis only

We have currently used the maximum lump sum to ensure this school has the maximum funding available, though it is still operating in deficit

To use a tapered approach (preferred as noted above) would require changing the maximum funding from £100k to £300k to provide the same amount of funding.

Realistically, a school of this size will need additional funding of between £200k to £250k to be able to offer the same range of subjects as a larger school.

An increase in the maximum funding to £600k would deliver the right funding for this school, and using a tapered approach would incentivise increasing pupil numbers