

Final Schools Funding Formula 2019/20

Report being considered by: The Schools' Forum on 17th June 2019

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Item for: Decision **By:** All School representatives

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The Council's Executive must agree on an annual basis the school funding formula for primary and secondary schools. This report sets out the proposal for 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the final formula rates and allocations to schools, to be approved by the Council's Executive on 25th July. These have been made according to the principles agreed by Schools' Forum in December and in relation to the total funding available from the Schools Block DSG allocation.

Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council or the Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Implications

- 3.1 Financial: Schools are funded by the ring fenced Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and the school formula allocations do not impact on the Council's own resources. However, the cost of unmanageable school deficits or closing schools may fall on the Council.
- 3.2 Policy: None
- 3.3 Personnel: Real term reductions in funding allocations will inevitably lead to staffing restructures and possible redundancies in schools.
- 3.4 Legal: The allocation of funding to schools must comply with The Schools and Early Years Finance Regulations 2019.
- 3.5 Risk Management: For many schools their funding allocation will not increase by anywhere near the amount required to cover current increases in costs; the number of schools at risk of deficit will increase, and the non-viability of small schools may become a reality. It is imperative that the work which commenced in 2017/18 on supporting schools in financial difficulty continues.
- 3.6 Property: None.
- 3.7 Other: None.

4. Introduction

- 3.1 The funding arrangements for 2019/20 follow the National Funding Formula (NFF), operating as a “soft” system. This means that the NFF is used as a methodology of allocating funding to each local authority in a more fair and equitable way. Local authorities will then allocate this out to schools according to a local formula complying with the school finance regulations. The two are not the same, and not all local authorities will be able to exactly replicate the NFF in the allocations it makes to schools. The Schools’ Forum agreed to follow the NFF as closely as possible.
- 3.2 The following recommendations were agreed upon on by Schools’ Forum on 9th December 2018:
- (1) Use the National Funding Formula (NFF) rates for every formula factor, applying a minimum funding guarantee of 0% and a funding cap on gains of 2% per pupil.
 - (2) If required after the above has been applied, scale every formula factor upwards or downwards in order to match the final funding allocation available for distribution to schools.
 - (3) Use the School Finance Regulations calculation of the sparsity factor, rather than the NFF calculation.
- 3.3 The final allocation has required a change, altering the MFG from 0.5% to 0.215% and reducing the cap on gains from 2% to 0.215%. If we had applied the previous MFG and Capping, there would have been a shortfall on the grant of £360k. The funding allocations were submitted to ESFA and approved on 28.2.2019.

5. Final School Formula

- 4.1 The final schools block DSG funding allocation for 2019/20 is £100m. After deducting £0.55m for the growth fund this leaves £99.45m to be allocated to schools.
- 4.2 Appendix A contains the funding allocations per school.

6. Conclusion

- 5.1 Moving straight onto the NFF rates gives West Berkshire schools certainty and stability on their funding allocations for the next couple of years.
- 5.2 There continues however to be significant concern about the shortfall in funding, and the ability of schools to balance their budget without having an impact on pupils. The table in Appendix A illustrates that for most schools gaining funding, the gain is not significant. Many schools will still have difficulty in balancing their individual budgets given current cost pressures.

7. Appendices

Appendix A – 2019/20 School Formula Allocations - Final

Appendix A

2019/20 School Formula Allocations Final

		2019/20		2019/20 Allocation pre MFG	MFG/CAP on GAINS				Total Funding
Cost Centre	SCHOOL	Pupil No's (Oct 2018)	Per Pupil Funding	Formula Budget	MFG 100.22%	Floor 1.00%	CAP 0.22%	TOTAL	2019/20
91000	Aldermaston Church of England Primary School	168	4,076	684,732	1,467	0	0	1,467	686,199
91100	Basildon Church of England Primary School	144	4,094	589,485	6,973	0	0	6,973	596,458
91300	Beedon Church of England Controlled Primary School	45	5,833	262,499	0	19,117	0	19,117	281,616
91400	Beenham Primary School	71	5,055	358,882	0	4,550	0	4,550	363,433
91200	Birch Copse Primary School	423	3,558	1,505,116	0	0	0	0	1,505,116
91500	Bradfield Church of England Primary School	164	3,950	647,736	-161	2,736	0	2,575	650,311
91600	Brightwalton Church of England Aided Primary School	100	4,562	456,232	0	0	-6,409	-6,409	449,823
91700	Brimpton Church of England Primary School	56	5,382	301,366	0	23,549	0	23,549	324,915
91800	Bucklebury Church of England Primary School	112	4,335	485,528	0	0	-757	-757	484,772
91900	Burghfield St. Mary's Church of England Primary School	213	3,788	806,865	0	0	-1,464	-1,464	805,400
92000	Calcot Infant School & Nursery	204	3,997	815,291	0	21,345	0	21,345	836,636
92100	Calcot Junior School	288	4,124	1,187,739	0	0	-21,106	-21,106	1,166,633
95600	Chaddleworth St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School	24	8,558	205,397	0	4,530	0	4,530	209,926
92400	Chieveley Primary School	202	3,809	769,411	0	209	0	209	769,619
95900	Cold Ash St. Mark's Church of England Primary School	180	3,798	683,730	0	5,012	0	5,012	688,741
92200	Compton Church of England Primary School	183	3,921	717,582	0	0	-4,595	-4,595	712,987
92300	Curridge Primary School	99	4,317	427,355	0	7,683	0	7,683	435,038
92500	Downsway Primary School	214	3,899	834,491	0	0	-6,070	-6,070	828,421
92800	Enborne Church of England Primary School	66	5,041	332,729	0	4,644	-0	4,644	337,373
92900	Englefield Church of England Primary School	107	4,251	454,905	0	2,943	0	2,943	457,848
93000	Falkland Primary School	450	3,556	1,600,197	0	0	0	0	1,600,197
93100	Fir Tree Primary School & Nursery	176	4,263	750,210	0	7,440	0	7,440	757,650
93200	Francis Baily Primary School	568	3,569	2,026,944	0	0	0	0	2,026,944
93400	Garland Junior School	213	4,090	871,078	0	0	-17,900	-17,900	853,178
93500	Hampstead Norreys Church of England Primary School	87	4,644	403,989	0	1,802	0	1,802	405,791
93600	Hermitage Primary School	187	3,939	736,563	1,060	0	0	1,060	737,622
93700	Hungerford Primary School	389	3,705	1,441,395	5,749	0	0	5,749	1,447,144
92700	The Ilsleys' Primary School	63	5,263	331,587	0	0	-5,183	-5,183	326,403
93800	Inkpen Primary School	70	4,930	345,090	0	1,199	0	1,199	346,290
93900	John Rankin Infant & Nursery School	254	3,709	942,090	6,302	9,618	0	15,920	958,011
94000	John Rankin Junior School	348	3,740	1,301,445	0	0	-19,878	-19,878	1,281,567
94100	Kenet Valley Primary School	189	4,279	808,805	0	0	-20,246	-20,246	788,559
94200	Kintbury St. Mary's Church of England Primary School	164	4,061	666,082	0	13,072	0	13,072	679,154
94300	Lambourn Church of England Primary School	182	4,417	803,894	0	0	-32,143	-32,143	771,751
94400	Long Lane Primary School	214	3,853	824,525	0	0	-3,420	-3,420	821,105

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95800	Mortimer St. Johns Church of England Infant School	171	4,094	700,004	0	0	-19,266	-19,266	680,738
97500	Mortimer St. Mary's Church of England Junior School	220	3,742	823,190	1,075	0	0	1,075	824,265
94500	Mrs. Bland's Infant & Nursery School	165	4,186	690,626	4,598	0	0	4,598	695,225
94600	Pangbourne Primary School	199	3,986	793,169	0	0	-1,209	-1,209	791,961
94700	Parsons Down Infant School	167	4,088	682,778	0	0	-3,976	-3,976	678,802
94800	Parsons Down Junior School	292	3,828	1,117,822	0	0	-5,547	-5,547	1,112,275
94900	Purley Church of England Primary School	112	4,453	498,746	0	0	-215	-215	498,531
95000	Robert Sandilands Primary School & Nursery	242	4,085	988,597	0	0	-13,413	-13,413	975,185
95100	Shaw-cum-Donnington Church of England Primary School	88	4,701	413,649	0	39,895	0	39,895	453,544
95200	Shefford Church of England Primary School	50	6,322	316,082	0	0	-4,680	-4,680	311,401
95300	Speenhamland Primary School	294	3,977	1,169,250	0	0	-30,376	-30,376	1,138,874
95400	Springfield Primary School	301	3,670	1,104,693	0	0	-493	-493	1,104,200
95500	Spurcroft Primary School	444	3,677	1,632,606	1,963	0	0	1,963	1,634,569
95700	St. Finian's Catholic Primary School	178	3,942	701,610	0	0	-5,705	-5,705	695,905
97700	St. John the Evangelist Infant & Nursery School	180	3,854	693,653	0	0	-1,954	-1,954	691,698
97800	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	201	4,156	835,431	0	0	-38,109	-38,109	797,321
96200	St. Nicolas Church of England Junior School	255	3,694	942,037	0	0	-1,133	-1,133	940,903
96100	St. Pauls Catholic Primary School	327	3,739	1,222,726	0	0	-37,470	-37,470	1,185,257
96300	Stockcross Church of England Primary School	100	4,295	429,536	0	0	-372	-372	429,164
96400	Streatley Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	94	4,453	418,545	0	11,063	0	11,063	429,608
96500	Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	106	4,262	451,744	0	2,354	0	2,354	454,098
99700	Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	363	3,788	1,375,037	0	0	-19,851	-19,851	1,355,186
96600	Theale Church of England Primary School	306	3,588	1,098,058	0	17,350	0	17,350	1,115,408
96700	Welford and Wickham Church of England Primary School	97	4,654	451,403	0	0	-10,904	-10,904	440,499
96800	Westwood Farm Infant School	177	4,016	710,794	0	0	-342	-342	710,451
96900	Westwood Farm Junior School	232	3,876	899,242	0	0	-14,344	-14,344	884,898
97000	Whitelands Park Primary School	347	3,756	1,303,332	0	0	-3,195	-3,195	1,300,138
98700	The Willows Primary School	359	4,239	1,521,712	0	0	-36,776	-36,776	1,484,936
99400	The Winchcombe School	437	3,754	1,640,600	0	127,405	0	127,405	1,768,005
97300	Woolhampton Church of England Primary School	89	4,463	397,195	0	8,134	0	8,134	405,328
97400	Yattendon Church of England Primary School	83	4,887	405,644	0	0	-12,794	-12,794	392,850
98900	Denefield School	961	4,898	4,707,224	0	104,516	-0	104,516	4,811,739
98800	The Downs School	922	4,829	4,452,658	0	0	0	0	4,452,658
99000	John O'Gaunt Community Technology College	363	5,549	2,014,201	0	0	-8,286	-8,286	2,005,915
99100	Kennet School	1,451	4,873	7,070,304	0	57,635	0	57,635	7,127,939
99200	Little Heath School	1,287	4,912	6,321,651	4,377	0	0	4,377	6,326,028
99300	Park House School	867	4,921	4,266,872	0	69,176	0	69,176	4,336,048
99800	St. Bartholomew's School	1,313	4,859	6,379,484	0	0	0	0	6,379,484
99500	Theale Green School	400	5,256	2,102,498	6,328	0	0	6,328	2,108,827
99900	Trinity School & Performing Arts College	873	5,153	4,498,471	0	8,858	0	8,858	4,507,329
99600	The Willink School	918	4,916	4,512,923	0	2,427	0	2,427	4,515,350
PRIMARY TOTAL		13,305	3,977	52,918,807	29,026	335,650	-401,295	-36,619	52,882,188
SECONDARY TOTAL		9,355	4,952	46,326,286	10,705	242,611	-8,286	245,030	46,571,317
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS		22,660	4,380	99,245,093	39,731	578,260	-409,581	208,411	99,453,504

