

Appendix A

Schools Revenue Funding 2022 to 2023

Briefing & Consultation Document for Schools October 2021

1. How to respond to this consultation

- 1.1 Schools are invited to make comments on specific areas in the consultation. Please e-mail your response to Melanie Ellis, Chief Accountant melanie.ellis@westberks.gov.uk by **10th November 2021**.
- 1.2 Any suggestions for change should be accompanied by clear rationale on why your proposal is a better solution and fair and equitable for all schools in West Berkshire Council (WBC), and not just for your own individual school. You should also check that it falls within the current funding regulations. Policy and operational documents relating to the 2022/23 NFF can be accessed on this webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-for-schools-and-high-needs>
- 1.3 To aid understanding of the proposals in this paper, illustrations are provided in Appendix Ai) and Ai) for individual schools. These are based on DfE data taken from the October 2020 census.
- 1.4 Schools should note that actual funding for 2022/23 will be based on the October 2021 pupil census and year on year changes in data may have a significant impact. Therefore, in responding to this consultation, schools are advised to concentrate on the principles rather than simply on the illustrative cash changes.
- 1.5 For 2022/23, it remains a Local Authority decision on how the funding is allocated to schools through the formula factors. There is no requirement to stick to the NFF rates, or to use all the factors other than the mandatory minimum per pupil funding, basic entitlement and deprivation factors.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this consultation is to outline and seek views on:
 - (1) West Berkshire Council's proposed school funding formula for 2022/23.
 - (2) An up to 0.5% transfer from the Schools Block to other funding blocks.
 - (3) The criteria to be used to allocate additional funds.
 - (4) The proposed services to be de-delegated.

2.2 The proposed areas of consultation were agreed by Schools Forum at its meeting of 18 October 2021. The consultation will be open for three weeks from 20 October 2021 to 10 November 2021. The principle consulted on and adopted in previous years, is to mirror as closely as possible to the National Funding Formula (NFF).

3. Introduction

3.1 All mainstream (academies and maintained) school funding is allocated to the Local Authority (LA) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The grant is split into four funding blocks:

- (1) Schools,
- (2) Early years,
- (3) High needs,
- (4) Central Schools Services (including school admissions, licences, finance support, schools' forum costs, education welfare etc).

3.2 The Schools Block is only for Primary and Secondary school formula allocations, plus growth funding for new or growing schools (such pupils are not included in the funding allocation as they did not exist in the previous census).

3.3 The Schools Block is ring fenced, but up to 0.5% can be transferred to other funding blocks subject to consultation with all schools and Schools' Forum agreement. Secretary of State approval is required for transfers above this limit or where the Schools' Forum has opposed the transfer but the Local Authority wishes to appeal.

3.4 2022/23 is the fifth year of the National Funding Formula (NFF) and, as in previous years, each local authority will set a local funding formula in consultation with schools. The government has confirmed its intention to move to a single 'hard' NFF to determine school's budgets directly, rather than through local formulae set independently by each LA, and have consulted on proposals for completing reforms to the funding system. There is no fixed target date by which a hard NFF will be fully in place, and it is suggested that this will be a gradual process.

3.5 In 2022/23, as in previous years, each LA will continue to have discretion over their schools funding formulae, in consultation with local schools. The LA is responsible for making the final decisions on the formula. Political ratification must be obtained before the January 2022 deadline.

3.6 Provisional 2022/23 LA allocations were published by the Department for Education (DfE) in July 2021. The DfE calculate this at a school level in order to determine the local authority allocation. However, the notional school level allocations are not the same as the final allocation which will be calculated using updated pupil numbers, baselines and other local factors.

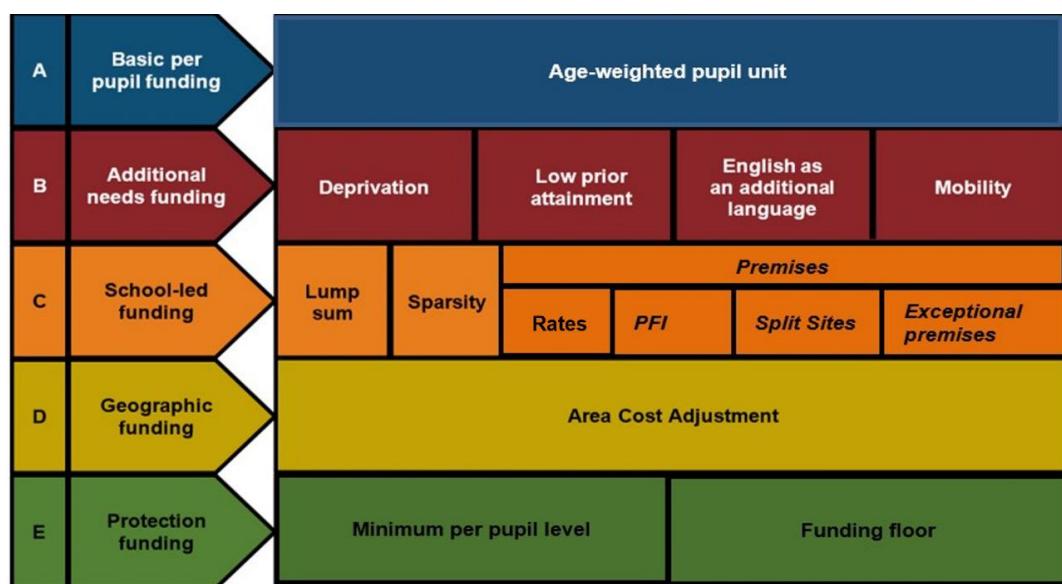
- In December 2021 the funding allocation will be updated with the October 2021 Primary and Secondary pupil numbers to produce the Schools Block DSG allocation.
- A sum for growth funding will be added to give the final DSG total.

4. The National Funding Formula (NFF)

4.1 The basic structure of the NFF is not changing in 2022/23, however there are a number of differences to 2021/22 NFF:

- (1) Schools sparsity distances are now based on road distances, instead of straight-line distances, and a sparsity distance taper has been introduced, in addition to the existing year group size taper.
- (2) Data on pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last six years (FSM6) is from the most recent October census (2020) school census instead of the preceding January (2020) census (in line with pupil premium).
- (3) In calculating low prior attainment proportions, data from the 2019 early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) and key stage 2 (KS2) tests is used as proxy for the 2020 assessments.

4.2 The NFF structure is shown in the chart below.



4.3 The NFF assigns funding rates to each of the factors. School funding through the NFF is increasing by 3.2% overall in 2022/23 and by 2.8% per pupil. This is the final year of the three year school funding settlement that was announced in 2019.

4.4 For some local authorities the factors are uplifted by an area cost adjustment (ACA). For West Berkshire this is 1.0347. The main features for 2022/23 are:

- (1) The core factors in the NFF (such as basic per-pupil funding, funding for FSM, lower prior attainment and the lump sum) are increasing by 3%.
- (2) The funding floor will ensure that every school is allocated at least 2% more pupil-led funding per pupil compared to their 2021/22 NFF allocation.
- (3) The minimum per pupil level ensures that every primary school receives at least £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525 per pupil.
- (4) Funding through the sparsity factor includes an increase in the ceiling of £10k to the maximum sparsity values (primary up to £55k, secondary up to £80k).

(5) LAs will continue to set a Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) which must be between +0.5% and +2%.

(6) LAs continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block to other blocks of the DSG, with schools forum approval.

4.5 The table below sets out the national rates and West Berkshire's cost adjusted rates.

Factor	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	Final rate on APT	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	Rate with 0.5% transfer	Total Funding after 0.5% transfer	Provisional Funding after 0.5% transfer
	2021/22			2022/23			2021/22	2022/23
Basic per pupil funding								
Primary AWPU	£3,123	£3,231	£3,230	£3,217	£3,329	£3,298	£42,437,881	£43,333,370
KS3 AWPU	£4,404	£4,557	£4,547	£4,536	£4,694	£4,650	£28,149,921	£28,786,830
KS4 AWPU	£4,963	£5,135	£5,124	£5,112	£5,290	£5,240	£18,672,063	£19,095,396
Minimum per pupil								
Primary	£4,180	£4,180	£4,180	£4,265	£4,265	£4,265		
Secondary	£5,415	£5,415	£5,415	£5,525	£5,525	£5,525		
Additional needs funding								
Deprivation								
Primary FSM	£460	£476	£476	£470	£486	£486		
Secondary FSM	£460	£476	£476	£470	£486	£486		
Primary FSM6	£575	£595	£595	£590	£611	£611		
Secondary FSM6	£840	£869	£869	£865	£895	£895		
Primary IDACI A	£620	£642	£642	£640	£662	£662		
Primary IDACI B	£475	£491	£491	£490	£507	£507		
Primary IDACI C	£445	£460	£460	£460	£476	£476		
Primary IDACI D	£410	£424	£424	£420	£435	£435		
Primary IDACI E	£260	£269	£269	£270	£279	£279		
Primary IDACI F	£215	£222	£222	£220	£228	£228		
Secondary IDACI A	£865	£895	£895	£890	£921	£921		
Secondary IDACI B	£680	£704	£704	£700	£724	£724		
Secondary IDACI C	£630	£652	£652	£650	£673	£673		
Secondary IDACI D	£580	£600	£600	£595	£616	£616		
Secondary IDACI E	£415	£429	£429	£425	£440	£440		
Secondary IDACI F	£310	£321	£321	£320	£331	£331		
Low Prior Attainment								
Primary LPA	£1,095	£1,133	£1,133	£1,130	£1,169	£1,169	£3,754,603	£3,874,884
Secondary LPA	£1,660	£1,718	£1,718	£1,710	£1,769	£1,769	£3,693,631	£3,805,137
English as an Additional Language								
Primary EAL	£550	£569	£569	£565	£585	£585	£458,637	£471,175
Secondary EAL	£1,485	£1,537	£1,537	£1,530	£1,583	£1,583	£125,342	£129,149
Mobility								
Primary Mobility	£900	£931	£931	£925	£957	£957	£19,555	£20,100
Secondary Mobility	£1,290	£1,335	£1,335	£1,330	£1,376	£1,376	£0	£0
School led funding								
Lump Sum								
Primary	£117,800	£121,885	£121,885	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515		
Secondary	£117,800	£121,885	£121,885	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515	£9,334,360	£9,664,669
Sparsity								
Primary	£45,000	£46,562	£35,000	£55,000	£56,911	£56,911		
Secondary	£70,000	£72,428	£72,428	£80,000	£82,780	£82,780		
Premises								
Primary								
Secondary							£1,566,240	£1,566,240
Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)								
							£112,929,067	£116,176,850

Factor	Total Funding after 0.5% transfer	Provisional Funding after 0.5% transfer
	2021/22	2022/23
Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)	£112,929,067	£116,176,850
Additional funding to meet the minimum funding level	£1,202,627	£1,134,001
Total Allocation including minimum funding adj	£114,131,694	£117,310,851
MFG adjustment	£151,366	£81,693
Post MFG budget	£114,283,060	£117,392,544
Growth fund	£0	£0
Total for Schools Block allocation	£114,283,060	£117,392,544
0.5% Transfer to support other funding blocks Block	£548,568	£589,984
DSG Schools Block DfE allocation	£114,831,628	£117,982,528

4.6 The funding above is provisional and the final funding allocation could go up or down for the following reasons:

- (1) The final funding allocation will reflect the October 2021 pupil numbers.
- (2) The final allocation will **not** reflect any changes in pupil characteristics (such as deprivation and prior attainment).
- (3) A block transfer may not be approved to move up to 0.5% from the schools block to another block.

5. Sparsity

5.1 The schools NFF calculates funding for schools according to their pupils' and the school's characteristics. The sparsity factor allocates funding for schools that are both small and remote. This is in recognition that some schools do not have the same opportunities to grow or make efficiency savings as other schools.

5.2 In 2021/22 a school attracted sparsity funding if:

- Its average year group size is below the year group threshold of 21.4 for primary schools or 120 for secondary schools; and
- For all pupils for whom it is the nearest compatible school, the average distance from each pupil's home postcode to their second nearest compatible school 'as the crow flies', is greater than 3 miles (secondary) or 2 miles (all other schools).

5.3 Changes to 2022/23 sparsity following consultation:

- Sparsity distances now calculated on road journeys, replacing the previous 'as the crow flies' methodology.
- Introduction of a distance threshold taper, set at 20% below the main distance thresholds, making it 2.4 miles for secondary schools and 1.6 miles for primary. The aim is to ensure that marginal differences in sparsity distances do not result in significant differences to a school's funding.
- Maximum amount of sparsity funding that schools can attract in the NFF has increased to £55,000 for primaries and £80,000 for all other schools.
- No changes to average year group thresholds.

- 5.4 The local authority has options with regard to the sparsity factor:
- Follow the NFF and adopt in full
 - Adopt a reduced sparsity factor:
 - Reduce the average group size threshold
 - Increase the distance threshold
 - Remove the distance threshold
 - Employ a continuous taper (NFF is based on average year group threshold of 21.40, therefore a school with an average year group size of less than half the year group threshold (10.7) will receive 100% of the sparsity funding for their phase. The continuous taper means schools with an average year group size of less than half the year group threshold will **not receive 100%** of the sparsity funding for their phase. The continuous taper would mean that a school with 10.7 average group size would receive half the maximum sparsity).
 - Use a fixed sum and set allocations below the minimum allowed.
 - Not adopt the sparsity factor.

- 5.5 The table below shows the impact of the various options for 2022/23 compared to 2021/22, with further detail given in Appendix Aii). In 2021/22, seven schools were eligible for sparsity. Under the NFF 2022/23, 22 schools would be eligible.

School Name	Sparsity					
	2021/22 Sparsity	NFF Sparsity Total (incl ACA)	Reduction of Av Grp Size	Increase Distance Threshold	Remove Distance Threshold	Continuous Taper
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	£0	£5,927		£5,927	£5,927	£2,963
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£37,916
Beenham Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£40,743	£56,911	£36,396
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	£35,000	£35,560	£27,044	£35,560	£35,560	£17,780
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£52,126	£56,911	£34,876
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	£0	£13,635	£9,391	£1,675		£6,818
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£45,514
Curridge Primary School	£0	£16,887	£13,306	£1,316		£8,444
Enborne C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£52,320	£41,778	£56,911	£29,177
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	£0	£46,957	£39,682	£40,661	£46,957	£23,479
Inkpen Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£53,031	£56,911	£34,116
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	£0	£3,647		£3,647	£3,647	£1,824
Shefford C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£36,776
Stockcross C.E. School	£0	£35,560	£27,044	£35,560	£35,560	£17,780
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	£0	£14,165	£10,876			£7,082
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	£0	£10,406	£8,132			£5,203
The Ilsleys Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£32,977
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£46,957	£39,682	£46,957	£46,957	£23,479
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	£0	£33,281	£24,517	£24,204	£33,281	£16,640
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£43,918	£36,312	£43,918	£43,918	£21,959
John O'gaunt School	£47,078	£53,807	£41,390	£53,807	£53,807	£26,904
Theale Green School	£0	£36,147	£21,768	£36,147	£36,147	£18,074
Total	£257,078	£852,145	£749,843	£744,703	£797,052	£486,175

6. Local Formula

6.1 West Berkshire Council replicates the NFF as far as possible, however, a decision needs to be taken locally on how to allocate any surplus or shortfall in the final funding allocation. There are a number of options for ensuring affordability, which effectively means deciding on a methodology for allocating any funding shortfall or surplus. The options are outlined below:

- (1) Reducing the AWPU values. This would restrict the gains of all schools, although would result in additional MFG and MMPF to protect some schools.
- (2) Applying a funding cap, so that schools that gain the most funding compared to last year, are limited in the amount they are able to keep.
- (3) Reducing the MFG from 2% to 0.5%. This would generate up to £32k but impacts the lower funded schools the most.
- (4) Reducing the additional needs factors. This would impact those schools with pupils that require extra support.
- (5) Reducing the lump sum. This detrimentally affects small schools due to the amount of funding they are able to generate through pupil led factors.

6.2 **Heads Funding Group recommends Option 1 as used in previous years, a reduction to the AWPU, as this option provides the most even distribution across schools.**

6.3 Appendix Ai) shows:

- (1) The 2021/22 allocations per school
- (2) The 2022/23 initial allocation
- (3) The impact of a 0.5% block transfer, allocated by reducing the AWPU by 0.93%
- (4) The year on year change (based on 0.5% transfer).

6.4 Actual individual school allocations are dependent on the October 2021 census data.

7. Block Transfers

7.1 Local authorities continue to be able to transfer up to 0.5% of their schools block to other blocks of the DSG, with schools forum approval. As the TPG and TPECG are now fully incorporated into the NFF – unlike last year – no adjustment needs to be made from the total schools block to account for these grants when calculating the funding to be transferred.

7.2 The Central Schools Services Block (CSSB) continues to provide funding for local authorities to carry out central functions on behalf of maintained schools and academies. Our CSSB has faced funding shortfalls of £115k in 2020/21, £87k 2021/22 and an estimated £60k in 2022/23. Whilst we continue to make efficiencies in the way this support is delivered, the funding has not kept pace with cost increases.

7.3 The Early Years Block overspend at the end of 2020/21 was £970k and the current forecast shows a reduction in this overspend to £788k by the end of 2021/22. The EYB has an approved five year deficit recovery plan based on reductions to funding rates.

- 7.4 Setting a balanced budget for the High Needs Block (HNB) continues to be a significant challenge; funding received for this block has seen increases not keeping pace with demand in terms of numbers of high needs pupils and unit costs of provision. Place funding has remained static in spite of increasing numbers, and in 2015/16 local authorities took on responsibility for students up to the age of 25 with SEND in FE colleges without the appropriate funding to cover the actual cost. The number of children with EHCPs is increasing, in spite of the threshold for an EHCP remaining the same and being applied robustly.
- 7.5 Up until 2016/17, West Berkshire was setting a balanced high needs budget. Since then, the budget has been under pressure on an annual basis, with savings identified each year to reduce the overspend. A decision was made by the Schools' Forum to set a deficit budget for the first time in 2016/17.
- 7.6 Savings of £219k were implemented in 2017/18 and a further £306k in 2018/19. Despite these savings the budget has been set with planned overspends since 2018/19. The year-end position at the end of 2020/21 was an overspend of £2.3m, and with a 2021/22 budget shortfall of £1.3m, the forecast overspend on this block at the end of 2021/22 is £3.6m.
- 7.7 An extensive review of WBC SEN provision and services took place during 2018, with full involvement of all stakeholders, including parents and schools. This resulted in a new five year SEND Strategy for West Berkshire which was approved by West Berkshire Council and the Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group in November 2018. The Strategy seeks to address rising costs in the High Needs Block. Work is now under way to implement the strategy, which should achieve savings in the HNB over the next five years, but savings will take time to be realised.
- 7.8 Building on previous successful 'invest to save' and robust demand management strategies, we are looking to bring a renewed deficit recovery plan to the Schools' Forum in the autumn. We continue to work closely with other LAs to share good practice and effective strategies. In addition, we are looking closely at the recently published DfE guidance and case studies on HNB resource management, which we will use to inform our deficit recovery plan. In addition, we continue to lobby for more realistic funding that properly reflects the new duties taken on in 2014 (extending the age range LAs are responsible for from 19 to 25 years) and current/growing demand. Hopefully, this will be reflected in the forthcoming spending review.
- 7.9 The pressure on the HNB is a national issue, and many local authorities have significant overspends and have also set deficit budgets. South East regional benchmarking data shows that in West Berkshire overspending on the HNB as a % of the total HNB budget is one of the lowest in the region, but nevertheless it is an issue of ongoing concern.
- 7.10 A block transfer to the HNB, if agreed, would be used to fund:
- Additional temporary staffing in the Early Development and Inclusion Team to catch up with the backlog of referrals and avoid children going into primary school without appropriate support
 - Funding of I-College placements to avoid permanent exclusions
 - Funding to help schools create bespoke packages of support for pupils at risk of exclusion
 - Assisting schools with the costs of medical tuition.

7.11 Block transfers need to be approved annually. Transfers have previously been approved in 2020/21 0.25% (£263k) and 2021/22 0.5% (£549k) to support the High Needs Block. For 2022/23, a block transfer of 0.5% would amount to £590k, and a transfer of 0.25% would amount to £295k.

8. Additional Funds outside the School Formula

8.1 School funding regulations allow a few exceptional circumstances to be funded outside the formula and be top sliced from the DSG. Criteria for allocation needs to be agreed.

- (a) Growth funding is within the Local Authorities' Schools Block DSG allocations but is not distributed via the formula. The growth fund supports growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need; supports additional classes needed to meet infant class size regulation; and meets the costs of new schools.
- (b) Funding for schools in financial difficulty where a school phase has agreed to de-delegate this funding (primary phase only in West Berkshire). There needs to be agreed criteria on how this funding is to be determined and allocated to schools.
- (c) Funding can be used from the high needs block to allocate additional funding to schools which have a disproportionate number of high needs pupils. This has to be determined by a formulaic method.
- (d) A falling rolls fund may be set aside from schools block funding, and used where a school has surplus places and faces a funding shortfall but an increase in pupils in the near future is expected. In 2018/19 the Schools Forum agreed to cease the Falling Rolls fund because only one school in four years had qualified for a payment.

For each fund the Schools' Forum need to agree clear criteria setting out the circumstances in which payments could be made and the basis for calculating the sum to be paid. These are included in Appendices B, C and D.

9. De-delegations, Education Functions, Health & Safety Service (maintained schools)

9.1 De-delegated services are for maintained schools only. Funding for these services must be allocated through the formula but can be passed back, or 'de-delegated' for maintained primary and secondary schools with schools forum approval. Academies may be given the option to buy into the service, as can Nursery schools, Special schools and PRUs. The de-delegations need to be re-determined on an annual basis.

9.2 The relevant Schools' Forum representatives for each phase will vote on whether each service is to be de-delegated or not. The services currently and proposed to be de-delegated are as follows:

Primary and Secondary only:

- Behaviour Support Services
- Ethnic Minority Support
- Trade Union Local Representation
- Schools in Financial Difficulty (primary schools only)
- CLEAPSS

- 9.3 The primary schools in financial difficulty fund was topped up to £200k as part of the 2021/22 budget process. No bids have been approved in 2021/22 so far. The de-delegation of this service in 2022/23 would require the fund to be topped up to the previously agreed level of £200k.
- 9.4 Education responsibilities held by local authorities for **all** schools are funded from the Central Schools Services Block of the DSG. Education functions held by local authorities for **maintained schools only**, can be funded from maintained schools budget shares and de-delegated, with agreement of the maintained schools members of schools forums.

All Maintained Schools:

- Statutory and Regulatory Duties comprising:
 - Statutory accounting functions in respect of schools
 - Internal Audit of schools
 - Administration of pensions for school staff

- 9.5 In order to meet the requirements of the employer under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations and other related legislation, a full schools health and safety service will be provided to all maintained schools. All maintained schools will need to agree to be part of this collective agreement to equitably fund the service.

Academies and other non-maintained schools may be able to choose to buy into the above services, subject to provider agreement.

- 9.6 Information about these services is reported to the Schools' Forum annually. The final decision on each service will be made by the relevant Schools' Forum Members for each phase on 24th January 2022. Schools may wish to contact their Schools' Forum representative direct to express their view, or respond as part of this consultation.

10. Consultation Proposals

1. Do you agree that, subject to final affordability, West Berkshire should mirror the DfE's 2022/23 NFF as closely as possible and that this formula should be used to calculate funding allocations? Yes/No
2. Do you support using a Sparsity Factor? A) NFF full sparsity, B) A reduced sparsity factor, C) No sparsity factor. Note: the Heads Funding Group would recommend which reduced factor to use.
3. Do you agree that any shortfall or surplus in funding is addressed by adjusting the AWPU values? Yes/No
4. What percentage transfer of funding would you support from the Schools Block to the High Needs block? A) 0%, B) 0.25%, C) 0.5%.
5. Would you support any of this transfer supporting any of the other funding blocks? Yes/No
6. Do you agree with the criteria set to access additional funds outside the school formula? Yes/No
7. Do you agree with the proposed De-delegated Services, Education Functions and Health and Safety service for all maintained schools? Yes/No

11. Timetable

11.1 The timetable for determining the school formula and schools budgets for 2022/23 is as follows:

Date	Who	Item
19.07.21	DfE	Operational guidance published
July to Sept 2021	DfE	NFF illustrative allocations published and APT issued
Sept 2021	LA	Modelling of new primary & secondary school formula
06.10.21	HFG	Approve consultation proposals
18.10.21	SF	Approve consultation proposals
20.10.21 – 10.11.21	Schools	School funding formula consultation with schools.
23.11.21	HFG	Review school formula consultation responses and make recommendation to Schools' Forum.
06.12.21	SF	Review school formula consultation responses.
Mid Dec 2021	DfE	DSG funding allocations and APT containing census data for final formula issued
Mid Dec 2021	LA	Updating by officers of formula and the funding rates in light of actual DSG funding
12.01.22	HFG	Review final proposals and make recommendation to Schools' Forum.
24.01.22	SF	Review HFG recommendations, final calculations and final formula.
By 31.1.22	Political ratification	Approval of School Formula
31.1.22	LA	Deadline for submission of final APT to ESFA
28.2.22	LA	Statutory deadline for providing primary and secondary maintained schools with funding allocation

12. Appendices

- 12.1 Appendix Ai) – Provisional 2022/23 funding allocations/impact of 0.5% funding transfer
- 12.2 Appendix Aii) - Sparsity factor
- 12.3 Appendix B – Growth fund allocation criteria
- 12.4 Appendix C – Criteria for the maintained Primary Schools in Financial Difficult Fund
- 12.5 Appendix D – Criteria for additional High Needs funding
- 12.6 Appendix E – Equalities Impact Assessment

APPENDIX A) PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2022/3		2021/22 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0.5% HNB transfer)			2022/23 INITIAL ALLOCATION (no block transfer)			2022/23 after 0.5% BLOCK TRANSFER (reduction of AWPU by 0.93%)			YEAR ON YEAR CHANGE (based on 0.5% transfer)		
School Name	Phase	Pupil count	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	Pupil count Oct 2020	Indicative allocation	Indicative per pupil funding	Pupil count Oct 2020	Indicative allocation	Indicative per pupil funding	2022/23 increase in total cash	2022/23 increase in per pupil total funding	% change
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	142	£687,609	£4,842	142	£713,716	£5,026	142	£709,301	£4,995	£21,692	£153	3%
Basildon C.E. Primary School	Primary	151.0	£678,560	£4,494	151	£698,749	£4,627	151.0	£694,054	£4,596	£15,494	£103	2%
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	50	£350,969	£7,019	50	£382,286	£7,646	50	£380,731	£7,615	£29,762	£595	8%
Beenham Primary School	Primary	54	£337,155	£6,244	54	£403,870	£7,479	54	£402,191	£7,448	£65,035	£1,204	19%
Birch Copse Primary School	Primary	425	£1,801,600	£4,239	425	£1,837,725	£4,324	425	£1,837,725	£4,324	£36,125	£85	2%
Bradfield C.E. Primary School	Primary	158	£700,702	£4,435	158	£721,995	£4,570	158	£717,082	£4,538	£16,380	£104	2%
Bright walton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	103	£528,132	£5,127	103	£543,649	£5,278	103	£540,447	£5,247	£12,315	£120	2%
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	58	£361,866	£6,239	58	£415,101	£7,157	58	£413,297	£7,126	£51,431	£887	14%
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	111	£541,093	£4,875	111	£570,577	£5,140	111	£567,125	£5,109	£26,033	£235	5%
Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	213	£905,902	£4,253	213	£932,778	£4,379	213	£926,155	£4,348	£20,253	£95	2%
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	Primary	180	£874,205	£4,857	180	£900,205	£5,001	180	£894,608	£4,970	£20,402	£113	2%
Calicot Junior School	Primary	277	£1,217,080	£4,394	277	£1,244,040	£4,491	277	£1,238,326	£4,470	£21,245	£77	2%
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	30	£255,084	£8,503	30	£306,617	£10,221	30	£305,684	£10,189	£50,600	£1,687	20%
Chieveley Primary School	Primary	203	£878,609	£4,328	203	£895,864	£4,413	203	£895,864	£4,413	£17,255	£85	2%
Cold Ash St Mark's CE Primary School	Primary	177	£756,803	£4,276	177	£776,881	£4,389	177	£771,848	£4,361	£15,045	£85	2%
Compton C.E. Primary School	Primary	187	£834,260	£4,461	187	£859,025	£4,594	187	£853,211	£4,563	£18,950	£101	2%
Curridge Primary School	Primary	99	£472,437	£4,772	99	£503,462	£5,085	99	£500,383	£5,054	£27,947	£282	6%
Denefield School	Secondary	960	£5,275,077	£5,495	960	£5,442,296	£5,669	960	£5,398,153	£5,623	£123,076	£128	2%
Downsway Primary School	Primary	213	£914,436	£4,293	213	£939,031	£4,409	213	£932,541	£4,378	£18,105	£85	2%
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	73	£389,087	£5,330	73	£441,229	£6,044	73	£438,959	£6,013	£49,872	£683	13%
Englefield C.E. Primary School	Primary	99	£472,093	£4,769	99	£486,391	£4,913	99	£483,313	£4,882	£11,220	£113	2%
Falkland Primary School	Primary	424	£1,800,333	£4,246	424	£1,836,373	£4,331	424	£1,836,373	£4,331	£36,040	£85	2%
Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	Primary	180	£860,002	£4,778	180	£885,664	£4,920	180	£880,067	£4,889	£20,066	£111	2%
Francis Baily Primary School	Primary	586	£2,457,411	£4,194	586	£2,507,221	£4,279	586	£2,507,221	£4,279	£49,810	£85	2%
Garland Junior School	Primary	206	£931,227	£4,521	206	£958,901	£4,655	206	£952,496	£4,624	£21,269	£103	2%
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	88	£455,254	£5,173	88	£515,707	£5,860	88	£512,971	£5,829	£57,717	£656	13%
Hermitage Primary School	Primary	183	£796,300	£4,351	183	£819,897	£4,480	183	£814,207	£4,449	£17,907	£98	2%
Highwood Copse Primary School	Primary	17.5	£135,694	£7,754	17.5	£191,695	£10,954	17.5	£191,151	£10,923	£55,458	£3,169	41%
Hungerford Primary School	Primary	359	£1,542,768	£4,297	359	£1,573,283	£4,382	359	£1,573,283	£4,382	£30,515	£85	2%
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	60	£352,759	£5,879	60	£420,216	£7,004	60	£418,350	£6,973	£65,591	£1,093	19%
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	405	£2,499,111	£6,171	405	£2,583,049	£6,378	405	£2,564,407	£6,332	£65,296	£161	3%
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	Primary	268	£1,139,614	£4,252	268	£1,162,394	£4,337	268	£1,162,394	£4,337	£22,780	£85	2%
John Rankin Junior School	Primary	351	£1,491,753	£4,250	351	£1,521,588	£4,335	351	£1,521,588	£4,335	£29,835	£85	2%
Kennet School	Secondary	1490	£8,220,960	£5,517	1490	£8,481,965	£5,693	1490	£8,413,504	£5,647	£192,544	£129	2%
Kennet Valley Primary School	Primary	193	£903,115	£4,679	193	£925,806	£4,797	193	£919,805	£4,766	£16,690	£86	2%
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	145	£682,534	£4,707	145	£706,290	£4,871	145	£701,781	£4,840	£19,247	£133	3%
Lambourn CofE Primary School	Primary	166	£792,018	£4,771	166	£815,788	£4,914	166	£810,627	£4,883	£18,608	£112	2%
Little Heath School	Secondary	1290	£7,239,682	£5,612	1290	£7,468,670	£5,790	1290	£7,409,384	£5,744	£169,702	£132	2%
Long Lane Primary School	Primary	214	£932,011	£4,355	214	£959,811	£4,485	214	£953,157	£4,454	£21,146	£99	2%
Mortimer St John's C.E. Infant School	Primary	172	£757,147	£4,402	172	£779,863	£4,534	172	£774,515	£4,503	£17,368	£101	2%
Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	Primary	232	£973,795	£4,197	232	£996,176	£4,294	232	£993,515	£4,282	£19,720	£85	2%
Mrs Bland's Infant School	Primary	176	£833,421	£4,735	176	£858,149	£4,876	176	£852,676	£4,845	£19,255	£109	2%
Pangbourne Primary School	Primary	200	£878,435	£4,392	200	£904,322	£4,522	200	£898,103	£4,491	£19,668	£98	2%
Park House School	Secondary	969	£5,380,069	£5,552	969	£5,550,758	£5,728	969	£5,506,459	£5,683	£126,390	£130	2%
Parsons Down Infant School	Primary	129	£637,530	£4,942	129	£656,235	£5,087	129	£652,224	£5,056	£14,694	£114	2%
Parsons Down Junior School	Primary	232	£1,003,609	£4,326	232	£1,033,228	£4,454	232	£1,026,014	£4,422	£22,405	£97	2%
Purley CofE Primary School	Primary	104	£518,903	£4,989	104	£534,341	£5,138	104	£531,108	£5,107	£12,205	£117	2%
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	Primary	233	£1,053,050	£4,520	233	£1,084,245	£4,653	233	£1,077,000	£4,622	£23,950	£103	2%
Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	Primary	86	£480,348	£5,585	86	£487,277	£5,666	86	£487,277	£5,666	£6,929	£81	1%
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	53	£366,233	£6,910	53	£397,999	£7,509	53	£396,351	£7,478	£30,118	£568	8%
Speenhamland School	Primary	298	£1,303,777	£4,375	298	£1,330,983	£4,466	298	£1,327,251	£4,454	£23,474	£79	2%
Springfield Primary School	Primary	302	£1,287,460	£4,263	302	£1,313,130	£4,348	302	£1,313,130	£4,348	£25,670	£85	2%
Spurcroft Primary School	Primary	450	£1,944,213	£4,320	450	£1,982,463	£4,405	450	£1,982,463	£4,405	£38,250	£85	2%
St Bartholomew's School	Secondary	1341	£340,521	£5,474	1341	£7,488,031	£5,584	1341	£7,488,031	£5,584	£147,510	£110	2%
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	Primary	194	£829,284	£4,275	194	£854,571	£4,405	194	£848,539	£4,374	£19,255	£99	2%
St John the Evangelist C.E. Nursery and Infant Sch	Primary	178	£781,741	£4,392	178	£805,320	£4,524	178	£799,785	£4,493	£18,045	£101	2%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	200	£909,200	£4,546	200	£936,648	£4,683	200	£930,429	£4,652	£21,229	£106	2%
St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	Primary	256	£1,076,916	£4,207	256	£1,098,676	£4,292	256	£1,098,676	£4,292	£21,760	£85	2%
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Primary	315	£1,321,480	£4,195	315	£1,348,255	£4,280	315	£1,348,255	£4,280	£26,775	£85	2%
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	103	£492,076	£4,777	103	£542,596	£5,268	103	£539,394	£5,237	£47,318	£459	10%
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	102	£488,000	£4,784	102	£511,848	£5,018	102	£508,677	£4,987	£20,677	£203	4%
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	100	£490,631	£4,906	100	£516,011	£5,160	100	£512,902	£5,129	£22,271	£223	5%
Thatcham Park CofE Primary	Primary	340	£1,475,210	£4,339	340	£1,519,221	£4,468	340	£1,508,649	£4,437	£33,439	£98	2%
The Downs School	Secondary	988	£377,573	£5,443	988	£486,253	£5,553	988	£486,253	£5,553	£108,680	£110	2%
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	63	£376,083	£5,970	63	£408,220	£6,480	63	£406,261	£6,449	£30,178	£479	8%
The Willink School	Secondary	970	£5,373,259	£5,539	970	£5,541,129	£5,713	970	£5,496,647	£5,667	£123,388	£127	2%
The Willows Primary School	Primary	370	£1,738,607	£4,699	370	£1,789,020	£4,835	370	£1,777,515	£4,804	£38,909	£105	2%
The Winchcombe School	Primary	441	£1,933,530	£4,384	441	£1,968,914	£4,465	441	£1,968,914	£4,465	£35,384	£80	2%
Theale C.E. Primary School	Primary	310	£1,375,725	£4,438	310	£1,402,075	£4,523	310	£1,402,075	£4,523	£26,350	£85	2%
Theale Green School	Secondary	469	£2,762,691	£5,891	469	£2,885,576	£6,153	469	£2,864,184	£6,107	£101,493	£216	4%
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Appendix Aii) Sparsity

This is an optional factor.

The schools NFF calculates funding for schools according to their pupils' and the school's characteristics. The sparsity factor provides additional funding for schools that are both small and remote. This is in recognition that some schools do not have the same opportunities to grow or make efficiency savings as other schools.

In 2021/22 a school attracted sparsity funding if:

- Its average year group size is below the year group threshold of 21.4 for primary schools, 69.2 for middle schools, 120 for secondary schools and 62.5 for all-through schools; and
- For all pupils for whom it is the nearest compatible school, the average distance from each pupil's home postcode to their second nearest compatible school 'as the crow flies', is greater than three miles (secondary) or two miles (all other schools).

Changes to sparsity following consultation

- Schools' sparsity distances are calculated based on road journeys, replacing the previous as the crow flies methodology.
- Maximum amount of sparsity funding that schools can attract in the NFF has increased to £55,000 for primaries and £80,000 for all other schools.
- Introduction of a distance threshold taper, set at 20% below the main distance thresholds, making it 1.6 miles for primary and 2.4 miles for secondary schools. The aim is to remove the 'cliff-edge' to eligibility and ensure that marginal differences in sparsity distances do not result in significant differences to a school's funding.

A school is eligible for sparsity funding in the NFF if:

- Its sparsity distance is equal to or above the main distance threshold, or above the tapered distance threshold, and
- The average year group size is below the relevant size threshold.

School Phase	Size threshold Max average no. of pupils per year group	Distance threshold: Min average distance to 2 nd nearest compatible school	Distance taper threshold: Min average distance to 2 nd nearest compatible school
Primary	21.4	2 miles	1.6 miles
Secondary	120	3 miles	2.4 miles

In the NFF schools allocations are tapered according to average year group size, so that the smaller the school the greater the allocation. Schools with a sparsity distance equal to or greater than the main distance threshold (2 or 3 miles) and an average

year group size of less than half the year group threshold (10.7) receive 100% of the sparsity funding for their phase.

Schools with a sparsity distance between the distance taper threshold and the main threshold will attract sparsity funding through the NFF.

Where a school is between either or both the main and tapered thresholds, a sparsity weighting applies.

Examples

School Phase	Average no. of pupils per year group		Average distance to 2 nd nearest compatible school		Sparsity (value excluding ACA)	
	No. of pupils	Weighting	Distance	Weighting	£	Weighting
Primary A	10.7	1.0	2.1 miles	1.0	£55,000	1.0
Primary B	14.7	0.63	2.4 miles	1.0	£34,650	0.63
Primary C*	14.7	0.63	1.7 miles	0.25	£9,487	0.17

The distance taper is applied after the NFF average year group size taper has been applied.

*Primary C Pupils: $(1 - ((14.7 - 10.7) / 10.7)) * £55,000 = £34,650$
 Distance: $(1 - ((2 - 1.7) / (2 - 1.6))) * £37,950 = £9,487$

NFF Allocation based on Oct 2020 census data

School Name	Phase	2022/23 INITIAL ALLOCATION				SPARSITY					
		Pupil count Oct 2020	Indicative allocation	2022/23 increase in total cash	% change	2021/22 Sparsity	Sparsity Total (incl ACA)	Sparsity Distance	Sparsity Distance weighting	Average Group Size	Year Group Weighting
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	142	£713,716	£26,107	4%	£0	£5,927	2.24	1.00	20.29	0.10
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	50	£382,286	£31,317	9%	£35,000	£56,911	2.52	1.00	7.14	1.00
Beenham Primary School	Primary	54	£403,870	£66,714	20%	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	7.71	1.00
Bright walton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	103	£543,649	£15,518	3%	£35,000	£35,560	2.36	1.00	14.71	0.62
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	58	£415,101	£53,234	15%	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.29	1.00
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	111	£570,577	£29,484	5%	£0	£13,635	1.79	0.46	15.86	0.52
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	30	£306,617	£51,533	20%	£0	£56,911	2.28	1.00	4.29	1.00
Curridge Primary School	Primary	99	£503,462	£31,025	7%	£0	£16,887	1.78	0.44	14.14	0.68
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	73	£441,229	£52,142	13%	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	10.43	1.00
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	88	£515,707	£60,454	13%	£0	£46,957	2.14	1.00	12.57	0.83
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	60	£420,216	£67,456	19%	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.57	1.00
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	145	£706,290	£23,756	3%	£0	£3,647	2.21	1.00	20.71	0.06
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	53	£397,999	£31,766	9%	£35,000	£56,911	3.03	1.00	7.57	1.00
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	103	£542,596	£50,521	10%	£0	£35,560	2.35	1.00	14.71	0.62
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	102	£511,848	£23,849	5%	£0	£14,165	1.76	0.39	14.57	0.64
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	100	£516,011	£25,380	5%	£0	£10,406	1.71	0.28	14.29	0.66
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	63	£408,220	£32,137	9%	£35,000	£56,911	2.64	1.00	9.00	1.00
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	88	£512,531	£25,369	5%	£35,000	£46,957	3.04	1.00	12.57	0.83
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	106	£550,992	£48,565	10%	£0	£33,281	2.10	1.00	15.14	0.58
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	92	£498,973	£22,312	5%	£35,000	£43,918	2.72	1.00	13.14	0.77
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	405	£2,583,049	£83,938	3%	£47,078	£53,807	8.10	1.00	81.00	0.65
Theale Green School	Secondary	469	£2,885,576	£122,885	4%	£0	£36,147	3.46	1.00	93.80	0.44
Total			£15,330,514	£975,461	7%	£257,078	£852,145				

The 7 schools highlighted in grey received sparsity in 2021/22. 22 schools eligible for sparsity in 2022/23.

Local Authority

1. LA can reduce the average group size threshold or increase the distance threshold in the local funding formulae.

Reduce the average group size threshold

NFF is based on average year group threshold of 21.40, therefore a school with an average year group size of less than half the year group threshold (10.7) will receive 100% of the sparsity funding for their phase.

School Name	Phase	Sparsity						Sparsity Weighting
		2021/22 Sparsity	Sparsity Total (incl ACA)	Sparsity Distance	Sparsity Distance weighting	Average Group Size	Year Group Weighting	
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£3,647	2.21	1.00	20.71	0.06	0.06
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£5,927	2.24	1.00	20.29	0.10	0.10
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£13,635	1.79	0.46	15.86	0.52	0.24
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£33,281	2.10	1.00	15.14	0.58	0.58
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£35,560	2.36	1.00	14.71	0.62	0.62
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	£0	£35,560	2.35	1.00	14.71	0.62	0.62
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	£0	£14,165	1.76	0.39	14.57	0.64	0.25
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	£0	£10,406	1.71	0.28	14.29	0.66	0.18
Curridge Primary School	Primary	£0	£16,887	1.78	0.44	14.14	0.68	0.30
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£43,918	2.72	1.00	13.14	0.77	0.77
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£46,957	2.14	1.00	12.57	0.83	0.83
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£46,957	3.04	1.00	12.57	0.83	0.83
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	10.43	1.00	1.00
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	2.64	1.00	9.00	1.00	1.00
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.57	1.00	1.00
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.29	1.00	1.00
Beenham Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	7.71	1.00	1.00
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	3.03	1.00	7.57	1.00	1.00
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	2.52	1.00	7.14	1.00	1.00
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.28	1.00	4.29	1.00	1.00
Theale Green School	Secondary	£0	£36,147	3.46	1.00	93.80	0.44	0.44
John O'Gaunt School	Secondary	£47,078	£53,807	8.10	1.00	81.00	0.65	0.65
Total			£257,078	£852,145				

8 primaries are below the 10.7 threshold and therefore have a year group weighting of 1.0. These 8 primaries also meet the 2 mile threshold and therefore receive the total amount of sparsity funding.

Reducing the year group threshold by, for example, 10% to 19.3 would result in those primaries with an average group size greater than 9.65 seeing a reduction in their sparsity funding, with the two schools greater than 19.3 losing their sparsity funding.

7 primaries would still receive 100% of the sparsity funding, the two secondaries would see a reduction with the total sparsity funding allocated reducing to £749,843

Increase the distance threshold

NFF is based on a sparsity distance threshold of 2 miles for a primary, 3 for a secondary.

School Name	Phase	Sparsity							
		2021/22 Sparsity	Sparsity Total (incl ACA)	Sparsity Distance	Sparsity Distance weighting	Average Group Size	Year Group Weighting	Sparsity Weighting	
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	£0	£10,406	1.71	0.28	14.29	0.66	0.18	
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	£0	£14,165	1.76	0.39	14.57	0.64	0.25	
Curridge Primary School	Primary	£0	£16,887	1.78	0.44	14.14	0.68	0.30	
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£13,635	1.79	0.46	15.86	0.52	0.24	
Beenham Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	7.71	1.00	1.00	
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.08	1.00	10.43	1.00	1.00	
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£33,281	2.10	1.00	15.14	0.58	0.58	
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£46,957	2.14	1.00	12.57	0.83	0.83	
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.57	1.00	1.00	
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.16	1.00	8.29	1.00	1.00	
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£3,647	2.21	1.00	20.71	0.06	0.06	
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£5,927	2.24	1.00	20.29	0.10	0.10	
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	£56,911	2.28	1.00	4.29	1.00	1.00	
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	£0	£35,560	2.35	1.00	14.71	0.62	0.62	
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£35,560	2.36	1.00	14.71	0.62	0.62	
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	2.52	1.00	7.14	1.00	1.00	
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	2.64	1.00	9.00	1.00	1.00	
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£43,918	2.72	1.00	13.14	0.77	0.77	
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£56,911	3.03	1.00	7.57	1.00	1.00	
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	£46,957	3.04	1.00	12.57	0.83	0.83	
Theale Green School	Secondary	£0	£36,147	3.46	1.00	93.80	0.44	0.44	
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	£47,078	£53,807	8.10	1.00	81.00	0.65	0.65	
Total			£257,078	£852,145					

Increasing the distance by 10% (2.2 & 3.3 miles) would impact those primaries with a sparsity distance less than 2.2 miles. 5 primaries would still receive 100% of the sparsity funding

Since the distance threshold taper, if used, must be set at 20% below the main distance thresholds, this would be increased to 1.76 miles for primary and 2.64 miles for secondary schools. The impact of this would be that those schools with mileage less than 2.2 miles would see a tapered reduction to their funding, and the two schools equal or below 1.76 miles no longer being eligible for sparsity funding. The total sparsity funding allocated would reduce to £744,703.

2. The distance taper threshold is optional.

The distance taper threshold is optional, where used must be set at 20% below the main distance threshold and can be used irrespective of whether the NFF year group taper, the continuous taper, or the fixed sum is used.

Removing the distance threshold

The 4 primary schools with a sparsity distance less than 2 miles would no longer being eligible for sparsity funding. The total sparsity funding allocated would reduce to £797,052.

3. LA can choose to use a ‘continuous’ taper or a fixed sum as alternatives

NFF is based on average year group threshold of 21.40, therefore a school with an average year group size of less than half the year group threshold (10.7) will receive 100% of the sparsity funding for their phase.

The continuous taper means schools with an average year group size of less than half the year group threshold will **not receive 100%** of the sparsity funding for their phase. The continuous taper would mean that a school with 10.7 average group size would receive half the maximum sparsity.

Primary A: $((21.4 - 10.7) / 21.4) * £55,000 = £35,210$ (50% rather than 100% as per the NFF)

A school with an average group size of 7.13, a third of the year group threshold, would receive 2/3rds of the sparsity funding

Employing a continuous taper

This would reduce sparsity funding for all schools eligible for the funding, allocating £486,175 sparsity funding to schools.

School Name	Phase	Sparsity				
		2021/22 Sparsity	Average Group Size	Year Group Weighting	Total NFF (incl ACA)	Continuous Taper
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	20.29	0.10	£5,927	£2,963
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	£35,000	7.14	1.00	£56,911	£37,916
Beenham Primary School	Primary	£0	7.71	1.00	£56,911	£36,396
Bright walton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	£35,000	14.71	0.62	£35,560	£17,780
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	8.29	1.00	£56,911	£34,876
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	15.86	0.52	£13,635	£6,818
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	4.29	1.00	£56,911	£45,514
Curridge Primary School	Primary	£0	14.14	0.68	£16,887	£8,444
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	10.43	1.00	£56,911	£29,177
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	12.57	0.83	£46,957	£23,479
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	£0	8.57	1.00	£56,911	£34,116
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	20.71	0.06	£3,647	£1,824
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	7.57	1.00	£56,911	£36,776
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	£0	14.71	0.62	£35,560	£17,780
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	£0	14.57	0.64	£14,165	£7,082
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	Primary	£0	14.29	0.66	£10,406	£5,203
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	£35,000	9.00	1.00	£56,911	£32,977
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	12.57	0.83	£46,957	£23,479
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	£0	15.14	0.58	£33,281	£16,640
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	£35,000	13.14	0.77	£43,918	£21,959
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	£47,078	81.00	0.65	£53,807	£26,904
Theale Green School	Secondary	£0	93.80	0.44	£36,147	£18,074
Total		£257,078			£852,145	£486,175

Fixed Sum

All eligible schools will receive the same sparsity amount irrespective of their size.

If the distance taper threshold is used, the 4 primary schools with a sparsity distance less than 2 miles would be eligible for sparsity funding, the calculation based on multiplying the value of the fixed sum by the sparsity distance weighting.

The results of the options are shown in the table below:

School Name	2021/22 Sparsity	Sparsity					
		NFF Sparsity Total (incl ACA)	Reduction of Av Grp Size	Increase Distance Threshold	Remove Distance Threshold	Continuous Taper	2022/23
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	£0	£5,927		£5,927	£5,927		£2,963
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911		£37,916
Beenham Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£40,743	£56,911		£36,396
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	£35,000	£35,560	£27,044	£35,560	£35,560		£17,780
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£52,126	£56,911		£34,876
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	£0	£13,635	£9,391	£1,675			£6,818
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911		£45,514
Curridge Primary School	£0	£16,887	£13,306	£1,316			£8,444
Enborne C.E. Primary School	£0	£56,911	£52,320	£41,778	£56,911		£29,177
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	£0	£46,957	£39,682	£40,661	£46,957		£23,479
Inkpen Primary School	£0	£56,911	£56,911	£53,031	£56,911		£34,116
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	£0	£3,647		£3,647	£3,647		£1,824
Shefford C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911		£36,776
Stockcross C.E. School	£0	£35,560	£27,044	£35,560	£35,560		£17,780
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	£0	£14,165	£10,876				£7,082
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School	£0	£10,406	£8,132				£5,203
The Ilsleys Primary School	£35,000	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911	£56,911		£32,977
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£46,957	£39,682	£46,957	£46,957		£23,479
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	£0	£33,281	£24,517	£24,204	£33,281		£16,640
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	£35,000	£43,918	£36,312	£43,918	£43,918		£21,959
John O'gaunt School	£47,078	£53,807	£41,390	£53,807	£53,807		£26,904
Theale Green School	£0	£36,147	£21,768	£36,147	£36,147		£18,074
Total	£257,078	£852,145	£749,843	£744,703	£797,052		£486,175