

# Schools Funding Formula 2023/24

<b>Committee considering report:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decisions
<b>Date of Committee:</b>	28 February 2023
<b>Portfolio Member:</b>	Councillor Ross Mackinnon
<b>Report Author:</b>	Melanie Ellis
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID4330

## 1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To approve the school funding formula distribution for 2023/24.

## 2 Recommendations

2.1 To approve the 2023/24 school funding formula to be distributed to schools. The allocations 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.

2.2 To note that the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) on 20 January 2023 with no approved block transfers.

2.3 To note that the final formula rates and allocations will be notified to schools by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## 3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
<b>Financial:</b>	Distribution of £125.8m to schools
<b>Human Resource:</b>	n/a
<b>Legal:</b>	Need to notify budgets to schools by 28.2.23
<b>Risk Management:</b>	n/a
<b>Property:</b>	n/a

Policy:	n/a			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
<b>Equalities Impact:</b>				
<b>A</b> Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		x		
<b>B</b> Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		x		
<b>Environmental Impact:</b>		x		
<b>Health Impact:</b>		x		
<b>ICT Impact:</b>		x		
<b>Digital Services Impact:</b>		x		
<b>Council Strategy Priorities:</b>		x		
<b>Core Business:</b>		x		
<b>Data Impact:</b>		x		

<b>Consultation and Engagement:</b>	Consulted with all schools in October/November 2022. Consulted with Heads Funding Group and Schools Forum.
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## 4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 2023/24 is the first year of transition to the direct schools National Funding Formula (NFF). Each Local Authority (LA) will continue to have some discretion over their schools funding formulae, in consultation with local schools. The LA is responsible for making the final decisions on the formula.
- 4.2 Political ratification is required for the LA to be able to issue budgets to maintained schools. Allocations must be distributed to schools by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- 4.3 A consultation was held between 19 October 2022 and 9 November 2022. The responses were considered by the Schools Forum in December 2022, and a methodology for distributing the funding was agreed.
- 4.4 The final DSG funding notification was received from the DfE in December 2022 totalling £127.4m, including a growth allocation of £0.89m. The growth allocation will be distributed as part of the formula and not added to the Growth Fund. Total allocation to schools is £125.8m, after direct allocation of Business Rates funding.

## 5 Supporting Information

### Introduction

- 5.2 A consultation was held between 19 October 2022 and 9 November 2022. The responses were considered by the Schools Forum in December 2022, and the following agreed:
  - (a) To mirror the Department for Education's (DfE) 2023/24 National Funding Formula (NFF) to calculate the funding allocations.
  - (b) To use the minimum sparsity factor.
  - (c) To address any surplus or shortfall in funding by adjusting the AWPU values.
  - (d) To not top slice any of the schools' funding to support the High Needs Block.
  - (e) To not reinstate the Falling Rolls fund.
  - (f) To approve the criteria to be used to allocate additional funds.
  - (g) To approve the proposed services to be de-delegated, but to cease the Primary Schools in Financial Difficulty Fund (PSIFD).
  - (h) To distribute the 2023/24 growth allocation as part of the funding formula.

## Schools Funding Formula 2023/24

- 5.3 At the Schools Forum in December 2022 it was agreed not to increase the Growth Fund but to distribute the 2023/24 growth allocation via the formula.
- 5.4 The final DSG funding notification was received from the DfE in December 2022 totalling £127.4m, including a growth allocation of £0.89m. The growth allocation will be distributed as part of the formula and not added to the Growth Fund. Total allocation to schools is £125.8m, after direct allocation of Business Rates funding.

## Growth Funding 2023/24

- 5.5 The main DSG funding for schools is lagged and based on pupil numbers from the previous October census. Since 2019/20, growth funding is allocated to the local authority by formula and forms part of the Schools Block DSG. The formula for allocating growth funding to each LA is based on actual growth in pupil numbers.
- 5.6 This funding can be put aside into a Growth Fund, where it can be awarded to schools under certain criteria. If not required for growth, it can be added into the school formula, but if there is a shortfall, this needs to be met from a top slice of the main schools' block allocation. As it is within the schools block, a movement of funding between the schools formula and the Growth Fund is not treated as a transfer between blocks.
- 5.7 The cumulative balance on our Growth Fund was £1.3m at 31.3.2022 and is forecast to be £0.9m by 31.3.2023. The DSG growth funding for 2023/24 is £885k. The projected balance of our Growth Fund is sufficient, so the Schools' Forum agreed to put all the 2023/24 funding into the school formula to distribute to schools.

## Final School Funding:

		2023/24		
	2022/23	Unit of	Number of	Total
Schools Block	Total funding	funding	pupils	funding
Primary	59,679,321	4,832.32	12,936.50	62,513,308
Secondary	57,946,639	6,034.83	10,348.50	62,451,439
Premises factor (NNDR)	1,566,240			1,589,347
DfE allocation	119,192,200			126,554,094
Growth	874,544			885,348
<b>Total block allocation</b>	<b>120,066,744</b>			<b>127,439,442</b>
Block transfer	- 300,165			-
<b>Total formula funding</b>	<b>119,766,579</b>			<b>127,439,442</b>
NNDR direct allocation	- 1,566,240			- 1,597,037
<b>Total schools block after deductions</b>	<b>118,200,339</b>			<b>125,842,405</b>

## Schools Funding Formula 2023/24

### Formula Rates:

Factor	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	Rate after 0.25% transfer & growth funding	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	WBC final rate	Total Funding after 0.25% transfer & growth funding	Total Funding after 0% transfer & growth funding
	2022/23			2023/24			2022/23	2023/24
<b>Basic per pupil funding</b>								
Primary AWPU	£3,217	£3,329	£3,343	£3,394	£3,512	£3,501	£43,509,329	£45,367,600
KS3 AWPU	£4,536	£4,694	£4,714	£4,785	£4,952	£4,935	£29,826,898	£31,251,334
KS4 AWPU	£5,112	£5,290	£5,313	£5,393	£5,581	£5,563	£20,289,797	£22,367,127
<b>Minimum per pupil</b>								
Primary	£4,265	£4,265	£4,265	£4,405	£4,405	£4,405		
Secondary	£5,525	£5,525	£5,525	£5,715	£5,715	£5,715		
<b>Additional needs funding</b>								
<b>Deprivation</b>								
Primary FSM	£470	£486	£486	£480	£497	£497		
Secondary FSM	£470	£486	£486	£480	£497	£497		
Primary FSM6	£590	£611	£611	£705	£730	£730		
Secondary FSM6	£865	£895	£895	£1,030	£1,066	£1,066		
Primary IDACI A	£640	£662	£662	£670	£693	£693		
Primary IDACI B	£490	£507	£507	£510	£528	£528		
Primary IDACI C	£460	£476	£476	£480	£497	£497		
Primary IDACI D	£420	£435	£435	£440	£455	£455		
Primary IDACI E	£270	£279	£279	£280	£290	£290		
Primary IDACI F	£220	£228	£228	£230	£238	£238		
Secondary IDACI A	£890	£921	£921	£930	£962	£962		
Secondary IDACI B	£700	£724	£724	£730	£755	£755		
Secondary IDACI C	£650	£673	£673	£680	£704	£704		
Secondary IDACI D	£595	£616	£616	£620	£642	£642		
Secondary IDACI E	£425	£440	£440	£445	£460	£460		
Secondary IDACI F	£320	£331	£331	£335	£347	£347		
<b>Low Prior Attainment</b>								
Primary LPA	£1,130	£1,169	£1,169	£1,155	£1,195	£1,195	£3,780,358	£4,146,645
Secondary LPA	£1,710	£1,769	£1,769	£1,750	£1,811	£1,811	£3,961,148	£4,137,677
<b>English as an Additional Language</b>								
Primary EAL	£565	£585	£585	£580	£600	£600	£492,907	£601,097
Secondary EAL	£1,530	£1,583	£1,583	£1,565	£1,619	£1,619	£166,597	£331,285
<b>Mobility</b>								
Primary Mobility	£925	£957	£957	£945	£978	£978	£54,461	£79,131
Secondary Mobility	£1,330	£1,376	£1,376	£1,360	£1,407	£1,407	£0	£0
<b>School led funding</b>								
<b>Lump Sum</b>								
Primary	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515	£128,000	£132,454	£132,454		
Secondary	£121,300	£125,515	£125,515	£128,000	£132,454	£132,454	£9,664,655	£10,198,989
<b>Sparsity</b>								
Primary	£55,000	£56,911	£45,529	£56,300	£58,259	£48,015		
Secondary	£80,000	£82,780	£66,224	£81,900	£84,750	£69,850	£687,071	£742,348
<b>Premises</b>								
Primary								
Secondary							£1,558,549	£1,797,378
<b>Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)</b>							£119,056,814	£127,082,139
<b>Factor</b>							<b>Total Funding after 0.25% transfer &amp; growth funding</b>	<b>Total Funding after 0% transfer &amp; growth funding</b>
							2022/23	2023/24
Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)							£119,056,814	£127,082,139
Additional funding to meet the minimum funding level							£637,221	£293,032
Total Allocation including minimum funding adj							£119,694,036	£127,375,171
MFG adjustment							£72,543	£64,271
Post MFG budget							£119,766,579	£127,439,442
Other adjustments								
Growth fund							£0	£0
Total funding for Schools Block Formula							£119,766,579	£127,439,442
Amount of block transfer							£300,166	£0
NNDR allocation							-£1,566,240	-£1,597,037
DSG Schools Block DfE allocation							£118,500,505	£125,842,405

## Proposals

5.8 To approve the final school funding formula allocations for 2023/24.

## 6 Appendices

6.1 Appendix A – Final school funding allocations

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### Background Papers:

School Forum papers between October 2022 and January 2023

### Subject to Call-In:

Yes:  No:

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2023/24 School Formula Allocations

APPENDIX A) PROVISIONAL ALLOCATIONS 2023/24		2022/23 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0.25% HNB transfer)			2023/24 FINAL ALLOCATION (no block transfer)			YEAR ON YEAR CHANGE		
School Name	Phase	Pupil count Oct 2021	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	Pupil count Oct 2022	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	2023/24 increase in total cash	2023/24 increase in per pupil total funding	% change
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	131	£676,338	£5,163	120	£676,427	£5,637	£89	£474	0%
Basilidon C.E. Primary School	Primary	159	£721,532	£4,538	154	£744,845	£4,837	£23,313	£299	3%
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	47	£363,710	£7,739	44	£381,243	£8,665	£17,533	£926	5%
Beenham Primary School	Primary	50	£377,963	£7,559	62	£485,322	£7,828	£107,358	£269	22%
Birch Copse Primary School	Primary	425	£1,837,575	£4,324	423	£1,892,243	£4,473	£54,668	£150	3%
Bradfield C.E. Primary School	Primary	156	£709,555	£4,548	142	£703,655	£4,955	£-5,900	£407	-1%
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	99	£520,871	£5,261	99	£553,940	£5,595	£33,069	£334	6%
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	54	£384,277	£7,116	59	£434,777	£7,369	£50,501	£253	13%
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	114	£574,625	£5,041	122	£647,386	£5,306	£72,761	£266	13%
Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	204	£916,205	£4,491	214	£1,005,648	£4,699	£89,443	£208	10%
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	Primary	201	£998,552	£4,968	218	£1,117,402	£5,126	£118,850	£158	12%
Calcot Junior School	Primary	272	£1,266,995	£4,658	281	£1,386,750	£4,935	£119,756	£277	9%
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	30	£295,409	£9,847	23	£283,581	£12,330	£-11,827	£2,483	-4%
Chieveley Primary School	Primary	198	£880,549	£4,447	191	£907,456	£4,751	£26,906	£304	3%
Cold Ash St Mark's CE Primary School	Primary	178	£776,115	£4,360	187	£856,254	£4,579	£80,139	£219	10%
Compton C.E. Primary School	Primary	188	£873,912	£4,648	183	£911,574	£4,981	£37,661	£333	4%
Curridge Primary School	Primary	92	£477,390	£5,189	93	£532,825	£5,729	£55,435	£540	12%
Denefield School	Secondary	958	£5,478,345	£5,719	961	£5,789,777	£6,025	£311,432	£306	6%
Downsway Primary School	Primary	214	£940,323	£4,394	213	£977,621	£4,590	£37,297	£196	4%
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	75	£432,624	£5,768	77	£467,131	£6,067	£34,506	£298	8%
Englefield C.E. Primary School	Primary	105	£509,464	£4,852	109	£549,194	£5,038	£39,730	£186	8%
Falkland Primary School	Primary	420	£1,819,150	£4,331	423	£1,891,219	£4,471	£72,070	£140	4%
Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	Primary	183	£905,073	£4,946	196	£1,031,245	£5,261	£126,172	£316	14%
Francis Bailly Primary School	Primary	557	£2,386,582	£4,285	549	£2,433,454	£4,433	£46,872	£148	2%
Garland Junior School	Primary	230	£1,078,574	£4,689	235	£1,170,142	£4,979	£91,568	£290	8%
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	89	£526,053	£5,911	75	£501,854	£6,691	£-24,200	£781	-5%
Hermitage Primary School	Primary	195	£865,645	£4,439	191	£899,815	£4,711	£34,170	£272	4%
Highwood Copse Primary School	Primary	41.5	£269,377	£6,491	73.5	£452,647	£6,158	£183,271	£-333	68%
Hungerford Primary School	Primary	348	£1,544,664	£4,439	360	£1,696,512	£4,713	£151,848	£274	10%
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	64	£436,733	£6,824	56	£436,665	£7,798	£-67	£974	0%
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	405	£2,586,919	£6,387	430	£2,908,003	£6,763	£321,084	£375	12%
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	Primary	251	£1,095,149	£4,363	230	£1,096,459	£4,767	£1,310	£404	0%
John Rankin Junior School	Primary	358	£1,551,186	£4,333	357	£1,608,436	£4,505	£57,250	£173	4%
Kennet School	Secondary	1512	£8,702,248	£5,755	1517	£9,258,071	£6,103	£555,823	£347	6%
Kennet Valley Primary School	Primary	204	£981,989	£4,814	201	£1,001,475	£4,982	£19,486	£169	2%
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	145	£705,837	£4,868	140	£746,936	£5,335	£41,099	£467	6%
Lambourn CofE Primary School	Primary	169	£834,783	£4,940	157	£844,959	£5,382	£10,177	£442	1%
Little Heath School	Secondary	1314	£7,636,913	£5,812	1325	£8,144,727	£6,147	£507,814	£335	7%
Long Lane Primary School	Primary	210	£952,491	£4,536	214	£1,024,705	£4,788	£72,213	£253	8%
Mortimer St John's C.E. Infant School	Primary	172	£786,682	£4,574	174	£843,232	£4,846	£56,550	£272	7%
Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	Primary	237	£1,016,095	£4,287	242	£1,099,976	£4,545	£83,881	£258	8%
Mrs Bland's Infant School	Primary	155	£785,053	£5,065	154	£860,215	£5,586	£75,161	£521	10%
Pangbourne Primary School	Primary	191	£870,610	£4,558	174	£868,807	£4,993	£-1,803	£435	0%
Park House School	Secondary	1037	£6,013,904	£5,799	975	£5,970,446	£6,124	£-43,458	£324	-1%
Parsons Down Infant School	Primary	107	£573,032	£5,355	117	£640,728	£5,476	£67,696	£121	12%
Parsons Down Junior School	Primary	233	£1,059,760	£4,548	179	£894,024	£4,995	£-165,736	£446	-16%
Purley CofE Primary School	Primary	104	£537,596	£5,169	98	£548,894	£5,601	£11,298	£432	2%
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	Primary	232	£1,084,868	£4,676	212	£1,063,208	£5,015	£-21,660	£339	-2%
Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	Primary	90	£503,662	£5,596	93	£541,841	£5,826	£38,179	£230	8%
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	60	£412,259	£6,871	56	£417,993	£7,464	£5,733	£593	1%
Speenhamland School	Primary	278	£1,253,033	£4,507	276	£1,348,299	£4,885	£95,266	£378	8%
Springfield Primary School	Primary	304	£1,321,510	£4,347	309	£1,408,217	£4,557	£86,707	£210	7%
Spurcroft Primary School	Primary	417	£1,847,643	£4,431	398	£1,840,337	£4,624	£-7,307	£193	0%
St Bartholomew's School	Secondary	1350	£7,537,756	£5,584	1353	£7,854,034	£5,805	£316,278	£221	4%
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	Primary	193	£847,232	£4,390	196	£895,697	£4,570	£48,465	£180	6%
St John the Evangelist C.E. Nursery and Infant Sch	Primary	178	£833,279	£4,681	180	£887,667	£4,931	£54,388	£250	7%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	203	£939,971	£4,630	213	£1,046,400	£4,913	£106,429	£282	11%
St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	Primary	247	£1,061,896	£4,299	251	£1,127,023	£4,490	£65,127	£191	6%
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Primary	319	£1,365,893	£4,282	304	£1,374,123	£4,520	£8,230	£238	1%
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	100	£529,528	£5,295	90	£524,376	£5,826	£-5,152	£531	-1%
Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	103	£508,161	£4,934	99	£530,318	£5,357	£22,157	£423	4%
Sulhamstead and Upton Nervet School	Primary	95	£501,767	£5,282	102	£556,633	£5,457	£54,866	£175	11%
Thatcham Park CofE Primary	Primary	325	£1,466,096	£4,511	337	£1,577,042	£4,680	£110,946	£169	8%
The Downs School	Secondary	1016	£5,657,639	£5,569	1047	£6,118,444	£5,844	£460,805	£275	8%
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	61	£396,896	£6,506	60	£418,719	£6,979	£21,823	£472	5%
The Willink School	Secondary	1007	£5,837,873	£5,797	1026	£6,305,557	£6,146	£467,684	£348	8%
The Willows Primary School	Primary	336	£1,644,272	£4,894	348	£1,790,551	£5,145	£146,280	£252	9%
The Winchcombe School	Primary	448	£1,997,332	£4,458	441	£2,050,804	£4,650	£53,472	£192	3%
Theale C.E. Primary School	Primary	311	£1,406,001	£4,521	318	£1,461,539	£4,596	£55,538	£75	4%
Theale Green School	Secondary	546	£3,316,666	£6,074	634	£4,075,274	£6,428	£758,609	£353	23%
Trinity School	Secondary	1001	£5,966,687	£5,961	1085	£6,762,439	£6,233	£795,751	£272	13%
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	80	£482,218	£6,028	72	£472,080	£6,557	£-10,138	£529	-2%
Westwood Farm Infant School	Primary	180	£835,309	£4,641	179	£870,286	£4,862	£34,978	£221	4%
Westwood Farm Junior School	Primary	239	£1,078,954	£4,514	233	£1,110,438	£4,766	£31,484	£251	3%
Whitelands Park Primary School	Primary	367	£1,577,829	£4,299	393	£1,758,282	£4,474	£180,453	£175	11%
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	102	£535,872	£5,254	100	£553,131	£5,531	£17,258	£278	3%
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	90	£484,050	£5,378	90	£519,994	£5,778	£35,944	£399	7%
<b>Total formula funding</b>			<b>£119,766,579</b>			<b>£127,439,442</b>		<b>£7,672,863</b>		
<b>Block Transfer</b>			<b>£300,166</b>			<b>£0</b>				
<b>Total allocation</b>			<b>£120,066,745</b>			<b>£127,439,442</b>				
<b>Primary Total</b>			<b>£61,031,629</b>			<b>£64,252,670</b>		<b>£3,221,041</b>		
<b>Secondary Total</b>		<b>23160</b>	<b>£58,734,950</b>		<b>23313</b>	<b>£63,186,772</b>		<b>£4,451,823</b>		