
Schools Funding Formula 2026/27

Report being considered by:	Schools' Forum		
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Item for:	Discussion/Comment	By	All Forum Members

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To set out the final school funding formula allocations for 2026/27.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the final formula rates and allocations to schools, subject to political ratification and allocation to schools by 27th February 2026. 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 allocation.

3. Introduction and background

- 3.1 2026/27 is the fourth 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.
- 3.2 Political ratification is required for the LA to be able to issue budgets to maintained schools. Allocations must be distributed to schools by 27th February 2026.
- 3.3 A consultation was held between late October and early November 2025. The responses were considered by the Schools Forum in December 2025, and the following agreed:
- (a) To mirror the Department for Education's (DfE) 2026/27 NFF to calculate the funding allocations.
 - (b) To address any surplus or shortfall in funding by adjusting the AWPU values.
 - (c) To apply a 0% top slice to schools' funding.
 - (d) To approve the criteria to be used to allocate additional funds.
 - (e) To use the full sparsity factor.
 - (f) To approve the proposed services to be de-delegated.
- 3.4 Primary and secondary schools are notified each year of a clearly identified, but notional, SEN budget within their overall budget allocation. Local authorities are

responsible for calculating the amount of this notional budget with reference to the funding formula factors.

The notional SEN budget is intended as a guide for a school's spending decisions and should not be seen as a target or a constraint on the schools duty to use its 'best endeavours' to secure special provision for pupils with SEN.

Schools are expected to contribute towards the costs of special education needs provision up to a threshold of £6,000 per pupil per annum. The notional SEN budget is not intended to provide £6,000 for every pupil with SEN, as most support for such pupils will cost less than this.

There is currently no national approach to the calculation of a school's notional SEN budget. According to "The notional SEN budget for mainstream schools: operational guidance 2026 to 2027" released, DfE states that they would expect the notional SEN budget to include:

- a small part of the basic entitlement funding
- a larger part of deprivation funding, reflecting the higher prevalence of lower-level SEN amongst disadvantaged pupils
- the majority or whole of the low prior attainment factor funding, as this is the best proxy we currently have for pupils with low-cost, high-incidence SEN

The following percentage weightings are applied:

- 4.0% of basic entitlement funding
- 30.0% of deprivation (excluding current FSM)
- 100.0% of low prior attainment

3.5 The DfE funding from the Schools Block DSG allocation for 2026/27 is £149.06m including growth funding (2025/26 £143.57m).

4. Appendices

4.1 Appendix A – Table showing final formula rates

4.2 Appendix B – Table showing final school funding allocations for 2026/27

Table showing final formula rates

Factor	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	WBC final rate (0% transfer & growth funding)	National Rate	WBC National Rate (with ACA)	WBC final rate (0% transfer & growth funding)	Total Funding after 0% transfer & growth funding	Total Funding after 0% transfer & growth funding
	2025/26			2026/27			2025/26	2026/27
Basic per pupil funding								
Primary AWPU	£3,847	£3,986	£3,967	£4,064	£4,211	£4,207	£49,120,548	£50,813,624
KS3 AWPU	£5,422	£5,618	£5,591	£5,686	£5,892	£5,886	£35,517,122	£36,807,917
KS4 AWPU	£6,113	£6,334	£6,304	£6,410	£6,642	£6,635	£25,783,714	£27,229,630
Minimum per pupil								
Primary	£4,955	£4,955		£5,115	£5,115			
Secondary	£6,465	£6,465		£6,640	£6,640			
Additional needs funding								
Deprivation								
Primary FSM	£495	£513		£505	£523		£8,046,636	£8,680,125
Secondary FSM	£495	£513		£505	£523			
Primary FSM6	£1,060	£1,098		£1,210	£1,254			
Secondary FSM6	£1,555	£1,611		£1,725	£1,787			
Primary IDACI A	£685	£710		£700	£725			
Primary IDACI B	£520	£539		£530	£549			
Primary IDACI C	£490	£508		£500	£518			
Primary IDACI D	£445	£461		£455	£471			
Primary IDACI E	£285	£295		£290	£300			
Primary IDACI F	£235	£244		£240	£249			
Secondary IDACI A	£950	£984		£970	£1,005			
Secondary IDACI B	£745	£772		£760	£788			
Secondary IDACI C	£695	£720		£710	£736			
Secondary IDACI D	£635	£658		£650	£674			
Secondary IDACI E	£450	£466		£460	£477			
Secondary IDACI F	£340	£352		£345	£357			
Low Prior Attainment								
Primary LPA	£1,175	£1,218		£1,200	£1,243		£4,702,932	£4,793,803
Secondary LPA	£1,785	£1,850		£1,825	£1,891		£4,425,098	£4,527,637
English as an Additional Language								
Primary EAL	£595	£617		£610	£632		£614,700	£589,922
Secondary EAL	£1,595	£1,653		£1,630	£1,689		£403,010	£242,026
Mobility								
Primary Mobility	£965	£1,000		£985	£1,021		£125,792	£142,611
Secondary Mobility	£1,385	£1,435		£1,415	£1,466			
School led funding								
Lump Sum								
Primary Lump Sum	£145,100	£150,356		£152,700	£158,228		£11,577,375	£12,183,536
Secondary Lump Sum	£145,100	£150,356		£152,700	£158,228			
Sparsity								
Primary Sparsity	£57,400	£59,479		£58,600	£60,721		£954,610	£1,027,063
Secondary Sparsity	£83,400	£86,421		£85,200	£88,284			
Premises								
Primary Premises							£1,929,400	£1,929,022
Secondary Premises								
Total Allocation (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG funding total)							£143,200,937	£148,966,917
- Additional funding to meet the minimum funding level							£148,959	£51,765
Total Allocation including minimum funding adjustment							£143,349,896	£149,018,682
- MFG adjustment							£102,386	£45,709
Total funding for Schools Block Formula							£143,452,282	£149,064,391
- NNDR allocation							-£1,929,400	-£1,929,022
DSG Schools Block DfE allocation							£141,522,882	£147,135,369

Table showing final school funding allocations for 2026/27

School Name	Phase	2025/26 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0% HNB transfer)			2026/27 FINAL ALLOCATION (after 0% HNB transfer)			YEAR ON YEAR CHANGE				
		Pupil count Oct 2024	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	Pupil count Oct 2025	Formula allocated	Per pupil funding	Change in pupils	Change in total cash	% change in cash	Change in per pupil total funding	% change per pupil
Beenham Primary School	Primary	45	£449,215	£9,983	53	£532,931	£10,055	8	£83,715	16%	£73	1%
Chieveley Primary School	Primary	171	£944,021	£5,521	164	£970,439	£5,917	-7	£26,419	3%	£397	7%
Curridge Primary School	Primary	96	£632,452	£6,588	109	£718,197	£6,589	13	£85,744	12%	£1	0%
The Ilsleys Primary School	Primary	49	£431,422	£8,805	55	£474,402	£8,625	6	£42,980	9%	-£179	-2%
Hermitage Primary School	Primary	172	£946,634	£5,504	188	£1,087,686	£5,786	16	£141,052	13%	£282	5%
Hungerford Primary School	Primary	328	£1,842,728	£5,618	316	£1,885,600	£5,967	-12	£42,872	2%	£349	6%
Inkpen Primary School	Primary	37	£396,940	£10,728	40	£424,469	£10,612	3	£27,528	6%	-£116	-1%
John Rankin Junior School	Primary	348	£1,780,008	£5,115	312	£1,737,809	£5,570	-36	-£42,199	-2%	£455	8%
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	Primary	228	£1,286,743	£5,644	215	£1,284,094	£5,973	-13	-£2,650	0%	£329	6%
Birch Copse Primary School	Primary	417	£2,097,084	£5,029	420	£2,179,658	£5,190	3	£82,574	4%	£161	3%
Westwood Farm Junior School	Primary	239	£1,278,869	£5,351	232	£1,317,466	£5,679	-7	£38,596	3%	£328	6%
Long Lane Primary School	Primary	207	£1,139,376	£5,504	211	£1,218,519	£5,775	4	£79,143	6%	£271	5%
Garland Junior School	Primary	185	£1,080,262	£5,839	187	£1,164,015	£6,225	2	£83,753	7%	£385	6%
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	Primary	211	£1,214,878	£5,758	210	£1,266,206	£6,030	-1	£51,328	4%	£272	5%
Westwood Farm Infant School	Primary	178	£1,001,718	£5,628	167	£989,811	£5,927	-11	-£11,907	-1%	£299	5%
Springfield Primary School	Primary	300	£1,547,978	£5,160	301	£1,649,261	£5,479	1	£101,282	6%	£319	6%
Falkland Primary School	Primary	411	£2,066,262	£5,027	421	£2,183,663	£5,187	10	£117,401	5%	£159	3%
Parsons Down Infant School	Primary	90	£590,443	£6,560	88	£611,672	£6,951	-2	£21,229	3%	£390	6%
Mrs Bland's Infant School	Primary	126	£814,444	£6,464	120	£808,866	£6,741	-6	-£5,578	-1%	£277	4%
Downsway Primary School	Primary	212	£1,114,814	£5,259	211	£1,180,764	£5,596	-1	£65,950	6%	£337	6%
Kennet Valley Primary School	Primary	199	£1,140,146	£5,729	195	£1,194,399	£6,125	-4	£54,253	5%	£396	6%
Parsons Down Junior School	Primary	167	£983,144	£5,887	139	£884,597	£6,364	-28	-£98,547	-11%	£477	7%
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	Primary	170	£1,005,706	£5,916	158	£1,015,566	£6,428	-12	£9,859	1%	£512	8%
Calcot Junior School	Primary	261	£1,481,322	£5,676	267	£1,588,152	£5,948	6	£106,831	7%	£273	5%
Spurcroft Primary School	Primary	368	£1,933,071	£5,253	371	£2,061,282	£5,556	3	£128,211	6%	£303	5%
Pangbourne Primary School	Primary	136	£829,980	£6,103	111	£748,179	£6,740	-25	-£81,801	-11%	£638	9%
Aldermaston C.E. Primary School	Primary	116	£790,279	£6,813	91	£741,826	£8,152	-25	-£48,453	-7%	£1,339	16%
Basildon C.E. Primary School	Primary	156	£851,865	£5,461	150	£867,883	£5,786	-6	£16,017	2%	£325	6%
Beedon C.E. (Controlled) Primary School	Primary	22	£337,428	£15,338	19	£344,834	£18,149	-3	£7,405	2%	£2,811	15%
Brimpton C.E. Primary School	Primary	47	£442,179	£9,408	44	£456,706	£10,380	-3	£14,527	3%	£972	9%
Bucklebury C.E. Primary School	Primary	113	£708,718	£6,272	93	£646,229	£6,949	-20	-£62,489	-10%	£677	10%
Burghfield St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	207	£1,135,759	£5,487	206	£1,184,813	£5,752	-1	£49,053	4%	£265	5%
Chaddleworth St Andrew's C.E. Primary School	Primary	26	£342,718	£13,181	31	£387,817	£12,510	5	£45,099	12%	-£671	-5%
Cold Ash St Mark's CE Primary School	Primary	203	£1,039,556	£5,121	194	£1,050,271	£5,414	-9	£10,715	1%	£293	5%
Compton C.E. Primary School	Primary	166	£956,487	£5,762	155	£941,508	£6,074	-11	-£14,978	-2%	£312	5%
Enborne C.E. Primary School	Primary	81	£551,956	£6,814	80	£581,304	£7,266	-1	£29,348	5%	£452	6%
Hampstead Norreys C.E. Primary School	Primary	49	£459,664	£9,381	47	£469,658	£9,993	-2	£9,994	2%	£612	6%
Kintbury St Mary's C.E. Primary School	Primary	122	£801,874	£6,573	112	£800,944	£7,151	-10	-£93,000	0%	£579	8%
Purley CofE Primary School	Primary	81	£555,828	£6,862	75	£562,460	£7,499	-6	£6,632	1%	£637	8%
Shaw-cum-Donnington C.E. Primary School	Primary	91	£621,755	£6,832	84	£630,142	£7,502	-7	£8,386	1%	£669	9%
Shefford C.E. Primary School	Primary	52	£449,231	£8,639	53	£470,335	£8,874	1	£21,104	4%	£235	3%
Mortimer St Mary's C.E. Junior School	Primary	235	£1,192,140	£5,073	236	£1,258,693	£5,333	1	£66,553	5%	£261	5%
Mortimer St. John's C.E. Infant School	Primary	165	£900,616	£5,458	161	£922,906	£5,732	-4	£22,289	2%	£274	5%
Streately C.E. Voluntary Controlled School	Primary	98	£599,770	£6,120	99	£636,941	£6,434	1	£37,171	6%	£314	5%
Theale C.E. Primary School	Primary	308	£1,639,332	£5,323	302	£1,721,315	£5,700	-6	£81,983	5%	£377	7%
Welford and Wickham C.E. Primary School	Primary	62	£505,388	£8,151	52	£485,779	£9,342	-10	-£19,609	-4%	£1,190	13%
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Primary	296	£1,518,929	£5,132	276	£1,498,457	£5,429	-20	-£20,473	-1%	£298	5%
Bradfield C.E. Primary School	Primary	150	£835,536	£5,570	157	£899,328	£5,728	7	£63,792	7%	£158	3%
Brightwalton C.E. Aided Primary School	Primary	87	£585,341	£6,728	91	£640,557	£7,039	4	£55,216	9%	£311	4%
Englefield C.E. Primary School	Primary	110	£629,012	£5,718	109	£652,731	£5,988	-1	£23,718	4%	£270	5%
St Nicolas C.E. Junior School	Primary	255	£1,353,766	£5,309	244	£1,377,400	£5,645	-11	£23,633	2%	£336	6%
Stockcross C.E. School	Primary	80	£562,388	£7,030	85	£610,969	£7,188	5	£48,581	8%	£158	2%
Sulhamstead and Ufton Nerve School	Primary	99	£637,414	£6,439	98	£668,333	£6,820	-1	£30,919	5%	£381	6%
Woolhampton C.E. Primary School	Primary	102	£656,491	£6,436	97	£671,376	£6,921	-5	£14,885	2%	£485	7%
Yattendon C.E. Primary School	Primary	90	£592,730	£6,586	93	£639,170	£6,873	3	£46,440	7%	£287	4%
St Finian's Catholic Primary School	Primary	203	£1,049,659	£5,171	206	£1,123,165	£5,452	3	£73,507	7%	£282	5%
The Wincombe School	Primary	414	£2,199,213	£5,312	411	£2,342,885	£5,700	-3	£143,672	6%	£388	7%
Thatcham Park CofE Primary	Primary	318	£1,702,463	£5,354	329	£1,842,797	£5,601	11	£140,333	8%	£248	4%
The Willows Primary School	Primary	339	£2,003,738	£5,911	299	£1,875,283	£6,272	-40	-£128,455	-7%	£361	6%
St John the Evangelist CofE Infant and Nursery School	Primary	171	£970,015	£5,673	170	£995,154	£5,854	-1	£25,139	3%	£181	3%
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Primary	213	£1,179,688	£5,538	217	£1,262,736	£5,819	4	£83,048	7%	£281	5%
The Willink School	Secondary	1031	£7,183,271	£6,967	1017	£7,426,360	£7,302	-14	£243,089	3%	£335	5%
Little Heath School	Secondary	1313	£9,119,619	£6,946	1294	£9,462,590	£7,313	-19	£342,972	4%	£367	5%
The Downs School	Secondary	1045	£6,948,227	£6,649	1050	£7,353,180	£7,003	5	£404,953	6%	£354	5%
Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	Primary	211	£1,264,759	£5,994	210	£1,316,440	£6,269	-1	£51,682	4%	£275	4%
Whitelands Park Primary School	Primary	396	£2,102,015	£5,308	380	£2,151,960	£5,663	-16	£49,946	2%	£355	6%
Highwood Copse Primary School	Primary	137.5	£792,004	£5,760	168.5	£942,405	£5,593	31	£150,400	16%	-£167	-3%
Lambourn CofE Primary School	Primary	136	£863,484	£6,349	112	£785,411	£7,013	-24	-£78,073	-10%	£663	9%
Speenhamland School	Primary	292	£1,647,268	£5,641	286	£1,704,202	£5,959	-6	£56,934	3%	£317	5%
Francis Baily Primary School	Primary	531	£2,710,299	£5,104	496	£2,706,699	£5,457	-35	-£3,600	0%	£353	6%
John O'gaunt School	Secondary	448	£3,422,948	£7,641	439	£3,512,113	£8,000	-9	£89,165	3%	£360	4%
Theale Green School	Secondary	725	£5,234,392	£7,220	706	£5,370,313	£7,607	-19	£135,921	3%	£387	5%
Park House School	Secondary	892	£6,157,384	£6,903	844	£6,111,826	£7,241	-48	-£45,558	-1%	£339	5%
Kennet School	Secondary	1485	£10,370,359	£6,983	1467	£10,756,540	£7,332	-18	£386,181	4%	£349	5%
Trinity School	Secondary	1188	£8,489,226	£7,146	1184	£8,931,461	£7,543	-4	£442,235	5%	£398	5%
St Bartholomew's School	Secondary	1352	£9,180,778	£6,791	1386	£9,962,286	£7,188	34	£781,508	8%	£397	6%
Denefield School	Secondary	963	£6,691,660	£6,949	971	£7,130,201	£7,343	8	£438,540	6%	£394	5%
Total allocation			£143,566,283			£149,064,391			£5,498,108			
Primary Total			£70,768,419			£73,047,521			£2,279,102			
Secondary Total		22824	£72,797,864		22438	£76,016,870		-386	£3,219,006			