

2019-20 School Funding Consultation Autumn 2018 Responses

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School:	Total no. of Responses	Total no. of Schools	% Response
Primary:	22	58	37.93%
Secondary	11	18	61.11%
Total:	33	76	43.42%

Question 1				
Should the LA introduce the new funding floor factor into the local funding formula calculations for 2019-20 to ensure that every school receives an overall 1% per pupil funding in 2019-20 compared to the schools 2017-18 per pupil allocation?				
Question 1	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	21	0	1	22
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	32	0	1	33
Percentage:	97%		3%	
School:	Comments			
Twerton Infant School	<p>The Local Authority should inform the DfE that schools are experiencing unprecedented pressures on their budgets. Even though BANES, as a whole, has favoured better than other LAs in the transition towards NFF, most schools are finding that costs are rising at a faster rate than funding. It is a moral duty of the LA, for the school that it continues to maintain, to speak up on this matter. To remain silent is to endorse the real-terms cuts to per pupil funding (8% less since 2010, IFS Report). If inflation is at 3%, every school should receive an increase at least matching inflation.</p> <p>Also, if the DfE is increasing the minimum per pupil funding levels and at the same time they are capping NFF allocations to the LA so that those levels cannot be met, does this mean that the DfE are intentionally sabotaging their own plans? Is this perverse state of affairs correct? Please provide clarification.</p>			
Newbridge Primary School	Yes - funding needs to flow to the schools			
St Marks Secondary School	By the LA introducing the floor factor across the authority St Mark's would be guaranteed a 1% increase on our 17/18 per pupil allocation.			

Question 2				
Should the LA set the MFG at 0% change in pupil funding in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19 if the new funding floor factor is introduced?				
Question 2	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	21	1	0	22
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	32	1	0	33
Percentage:	97%	3%		
School:	Comments			
Twerton Infant School	<p>The MFG should be 0.5% to benefit schools that are being disadvantaged by this extended period of transition.</p> <p>The additional year (at least for now) in which to transition to full NFF could have made a difference to the outcome of last year's consultation, as a longer period of transition would have eased some "turbulence".</p>			
Newbridge Primary School	Following question 1 0% appears to make sense			

St Marks Secondary School	St Mark's is currently funded by floor factor and we therefore do not qualify for Minimum Pupil Funding.
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Question 3				
Should the LA mirror the sparsity taper in the local formula to mirror the NFF?				
Question 3	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	22	0	0	22
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	33	0	0	33
Percentage:	100%			
School:	Comments			
Twerton Infant School	Integrity of the Local Formula can only be a good thing. Integrity means being honourable, displaying strong moral principles, being fair doing good where you can.			
St Marks Secondary School	As the NFF methodology is to be introduced in 20/21 attempts should be made to bring the LFF in line with NFF before that time.			
Hayesfield School	Agree that all elements of the NFF should be reflected in the local formula .			
Oldfield School	Agree that all elements of the NFF should be reflected in the local formula .			

Question 4				
Should the LA remove the Cap on Gains for 2019-20?				
Question 4	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	21	0	1	21
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	32	0	1	32
Percentage:	100%		3%	
School:	Comments			
Newbridge Primary School	The cap should be removed to allow funds to flow to schools			
Twerton Infant School	Our school is not in a position to worry about gains. Although, under the previous LA Formula, our gains were always capped. A fair funding formula, should not require gains to be capped.			
St Marks Secondary School	This will allow funds to flow through the schools that need it most.			

Question 5				
Should the LA use an EAL indicator based on three years to mirror the NFF?				
Question 5	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	22	0	0	22
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	33	0	0	33
Percentage:	100%			
School:	Comments			
Newbridge Primary School	Yes this should be in line with NFF as it can take more than 1 year			
St Marks Secondary School	Adopting a 3 year indicator to bring this in line with NFF, should soften the hard NFF introduction in 20/21 .			
Hayesfield School	Agree that all elements of the NFF should be reflected in the local formula .			
Oldfield School	Agree that all elements of the NFF should be reflected in the local formula .			

Question 6a				
Do you agree to extend the current arrangement of transferring 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High				
Question 6a	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	20	2	0	22
Secondary	10	1	0	11
Total:	30	3	0	33
Percentage	91%	9%		
School:	Comments			
Newbridge Primary School	Given that schools already have to find £6k to fund high needs transferring more from a schools budget does not feel right. I perhaps needs to understand more on this.			
Twerton Infant School	There isn't enough money in the School Block to meet rising costs. The LA, together with other LAs, should be lobbying the DfE, the Government and particularly the Chancellor that there needs to be an increase in funding for High Needs that does not take money away from the School Block.			
St Marks Secondary School	As a school with a high proportion of students with additional needs, the High Needs Block is vital in supporting our students. This is especially so for our new Year 7 intake, where we have seen a higher number of students with more complex needs.			

Question 6b				
Do you agree that a further 0.5% of Schools Block funding can be transferred to the High Needs Block for				
Question 6b	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	5	17	0	22
Secondary	4	7	0	11
Total:	9	24	0	33
Percentage:	27%	73%		
School:	Comments			
Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership	We do not believe that there would be sufficient gains for all schools to warrant this change and feel better able to commission our own services.			
Newbridge Primary School	As Above			
Twerton Infant School	Following my last reponse the answer is again no. Ask the government for more money. Why should be trying to provide education and especially for the most vulnerable on a shoe-string (in real-terms)?			
St Marks Secondary School	Although we benefit enormously from the High Needs Block, we are in a deficit budget and therefore cannot agree to any further funding diversion.			
Hayesfield School	The rationale for doing this is that there is a risk that the HNB will continue to come under more pressure. The level of risk is not quantified , other than that additional resources might be required. Therefore it would be hard to justify transferring additional resources from schools to high needs because there is a possibility that additional resources for high needs may be needed .			
Oldfield School	The rationale for doing this is that there is a risk that the HNB will continue to come under more pressure. The level of risk is not quantified , other than that additional resources might be required. Therefore it would be hard to justify transferring additional resources from schools to high needs because there is a possibility that additional resources for high needs may be needed .			
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