

2021-22 School Funding Consultation

Autumn 2020 Responses

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School:	Total no. of Responses	Total no. of Schools	% Response
Primary:	44	65	67.69%
Secondary	11	14	78.57%
Total:	55	79	69.62%

Question 1

Should the LA mirror the increase to support small remote schools, by increasing the maximum sparsity factor value from £26,000 to £45,000 for primary schools, and from £67,600 to £70,000 for secondary schools?

Question 1	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	44	0	0	44
Secondary	10	1	0	11
Total:	54	1	0	55
Percentage:	98%	2%	0%	

School:	Comments
TWERTON INFANT	In previous years I recall receiving a projection of the impact of proposed funding changes to my school funding. Without seeing the impact of changing the sparsity factor on schools funding it is difficult to answer. In principle my response would be "yes".
LIGHTHOUSE	This response is not based on a view as to whether the changes proposed are in line with need or the costs associated with sparsity, but from a point of practicality. We are expecting the hard implementation of the national formula to be imposed by the Government in the near future and therefore it seems appropriate to mirror this change.

Question 2

Should the LA increase the 2021-22 local formula funding core factor values as close as it can to the 3% except for the free school meals factor which will be increased at 2 % inflation as described in the consultation?

Question 2	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	44	0	0	44
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	55	0	0	55
Percentage:	100%	0%	0%	

School:	Comments
Lighthouse	Yes, as we are expecting the hard implementation of the national formula to be imposed by the Government in the near future it is appropriate to mirror these % increases.

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Question 3				
Should the LA set the MFG at +2.0% change in pupil funding in 2021-22 compared to the revised 2020-21 baseline?				
Question 3	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	42	1	1	44
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	53	1	1	55
Percentage:	96%	2%	2%	
School:	Comments			
TWERTON INFANT	Without knowing the impact of the IDACI rebanding on my school's funding it is hard to answer. If the changes would mean an increase beyond 2% per pupil for my school I would be reluctant to see the cap. I recall a few years ago the cap was removed so other schools could fully benefit. We were not one of those schools.			
Lighthouse	Yes, although we would suggest that this is an area that could changes if the formula is unaffordable, rather than the other elements of the formula, in order to keep them in line with the national formula			

Question 4				
Should resources allocated by the DFE for the LA schools block not be sufficient to support the NFF in full, do you agree that the LA introduce a cap on gains for 2021-22 to restrict schools with the largest gains to balance the schools block allocation?				
Question 4	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	17	26	1	44
Secondary	4	7	0	11
Total:	21	33	1	55
Percentage:	38%	60%	2%	
School:	Comments			
TWERTON INFANT	If this were to happen my question would be why is the government not fully funding the formula that they have designed. That would be wrong and I would hope the LA would raise this matter with central government. If you need any support form local HTs then I may know one or two who would be happy to campaign - just let me know.			
WELLSWAY MAT	YES - We would ask for confirmation that you will be usingh the % increase based on the revised baseline from 2020/24			
BATH & WELLS	NO - Reducing the local formula funding core factor values may be a more balanced way to fund any gap.			
Lighthouse	Yes, we would support this as an area that changes if the formula is unaffordable, rather than the other elements of the formula, in order to keep them in line with the national formula			

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Question 5				
Do you agree to extend the current arrangement to transfer 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2021-22?				
Question 5	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	44	0	0	44
Secondary	11	0	0	11
Total:	55	0	0	55
Percentage:	100%	0%	0%	
School:	Comments			
TWERTON INFANT	Again, why is the government not funding High Needs sufficiently? Please let them know that the funding is not sufficient. And, in the meantime, "yes" continue to transfer 0.5% from the Schools Block to High Needs.			
Lighthouse	Yes, we would support the continued transfer of 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2021-22			