

# 2023-24 School Funding Consultation Autumn 2022 Responses

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School:	Total no. of Responses	Total no. of Schools	% Response
Primary:	43	65	66.15%
Secondary	12	14	85.71%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>69.62%</b>

## Question 1

Should the LA set the MFG at +0.5% change in pupil funding in 2023-24 compared to the revised 2022-23 baseline?

Question 1	Yes	No	Blank	Total:
Primary	43	0	0	<b>43</b>
Secondary	12	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
School:	Comments			
Bath & Wells MAT	Firstly, thank you for this open consultation and for the opportunity for us to contribute our thoughts. As a Trust, we are supportive of the MFG being increased by the maximum amount of 0.5%			
Lighthouse Schools Partnership	Given the cost pressures being faced by schools this is important, albeit inadequate			

## Question 2

Should resources allocated by the DFE for the LA schools block not be sufficient to support the NFF in full, should the LA either A) introduce a cap on gains for 2023-24 to restrict schools with the largest gains to balance the schools block allocation or B) scale back the value of all eligible factors?

Question 2	A	B	Blank	Total:
Primary	0	43	0	43
Secondary	1	11	0	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
School:	Comments			
Bath & Wells MAT	As per the 2022-23 agreement, the Trust is supportive of scaling back the value of all eligible factors across all schools. This appears to be the fairer approach for all schools and is consistent with last year's approach.			

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<b>Question 3</b>				
Should the LA increase the % of total deprivation funding in the calculation of the schools notional SEN budget and what % increase do you suggest?				
<b>Question 3</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Primary	17	26	0	43
Secondary	3	9	0	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>School:</b>	<b>Comments</b>			
St Gregory's Sec	Suggest movement to 11.3% to bring closer to NFF and move to national average			
Bath & Wells MAT	Yes, the Trust is supportive of increasing the % of total deprivation funding in the calculation of the schools notional SEN budget in order to bring it closer to the DFE's %.			
Futura Learning Partnership	no further comment			
Palladian Academy Trust	Consideration of SEND green paper outcomes & key benchmarking would need to inform this decision.			
Lighthouse Schools Partnership	We think that this needs further consideration before making this change. We would like to see further benchmarking of national and comparative LAs before any changes are made. It may be appropriate to wait for the outcome of the SEND green paper or any changes made may be superceded			

<b>Question 4</b>				
Should the LA include a % of other factors such as the lump sum in the calculation of the schools notional SEN budget and what % of the lump sum?				
<b>Question 4</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Primary	12	26	5	43
Secondary	1	9	2	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>13%</b>	
<b>School:</b>	<b>Comments</b>			
St Gregory's Sec	To bring closer to NFF			
Bath & Wells MAT	Yes, the Trust is supportive of increasing the % of other factors in the calculation of the schools notional SEN budget in order to bring it closer to the DFE's %.			

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Futura Learning Partnership	no response to this question
Palladian Academy Trust	Consideration of SEND green paper outcomes & key benchmarking would need to inform this decision.
Lighthouse Schools Partnership	A proportion of the lump sum is already included in the notional SEN budget. We think that this needs further consideration before making this change. We would like to see further benchmarking of national and comparative LAs before any changes are made. It may be appropriate to wait for the outcome of the SEND green paper or any changes made may be superceded

### Question 5

Do you agree that the LA should create a small Falling Rolls Fund?				
<b>Question 5</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Primary	17	26	0	43
Secondary	2	10	0	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>School:</b>	<b>Comments</b>			
St Gregory's Sec	Funding should follow pupils			
Bath & Wells MAT	Yes, with current projections for falling rolls across our Trust schools, we are in agreement of fund to support this.			
Lighthouse Schools Partnership	We think that we need to be clear about what we are trying to achieve and how the policy will work before we set aside any resources			

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<b>Question 6</b>				
Do you agree to extend the current arrangement of transferring 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2023-24?				
<b>Question 6</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Primary	43	0	0	43
Secondary	12	0	0	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>School:</b>	<b>Comments</b>			
Bath & Wells MAT	The Trust is happy to support the continued arrangement of transferring 0.5% of the School's Block funding to the High Needs Block for 2022-23. Across our schools, the additional amounts are not material. Can we please however request confirmation of how this may affect the funding of the High Needs special unit at our St Nicholas Church School in Radstock?			
Palladian Academy Trust	We support the continued prioritisation of the high needs block but raise our concerns about the early years low funding rates *& pressures not being supported despite evidence shoing the earlier we invest - the better the likley outcome.			

<b>Question 7</b>				
Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the local National Funding formula for 2023-24?				
<b>Question 7</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Primary	0	43	0	43
Secondary	0	12	0	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Percentage:</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>School:</b>	<b>Comments</b>			