



Schools Funding Forum 2nd March 2017

ITEM 5

Subject Heading:

School Funding Allocations 2017-18

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Eligibility to vote:

n/a – for information

SUMMARY

This report summarises the final schools funding allocations for financial year 2017-18.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes that schools have received their funding allocations for financial year 2017-18 and academies have received their funding statements from the EFA for their financial year commencing September 2017 based on the LA's formula.

REPORT DETAIL

Draft funding statements were issued to LA maintained primary and secondary schools on 17th February 2016 and final allocations on 28th February.

The values applied to the funding factors are unchanged from 2016-17 with the exception of the following:

- an increase of £5 per pupil for all AWPUs
- an adjustment of -£340 for IDACI Band C

There was also an increase to the gains cap from 1% to 1.25% which is applied to schools whose funding would otherwise be higher.

The final position against the previous financial year including the number of schools that had either a gains cap applied or a MFG protection of -1.5% is as follows:

	Schools with funding increases	Increases capped at 1.25%	Increases below 1.25%	Funding Decreases	Protected at -1.5%	Reduction but within -1.5%
Infant	10	6	4	2	0	2
Junior	12	10	2	0	0	0
Primary	26	5	21	11	4	7
Secondary	8	0	8	10	3	7
Total	56	21	35	23	7	16

Analysis of MFG Protection. (2016-17 figures in brackets)

Sector	No.	£	No. of schools benefiting from previous year grants
Primary	4 (6)	102,507 (226,417)	3 (3)
Secondary	3 (4)	1,049,645 (993,708)	3 (4)
Total	7 (10)	1,151,702 (1,220,125)	6 (7)

Analysis of Gains Cap (2016-17 figures in brackets)

Sector	No.	£
Primary	21 (28)	652,489 (856,736)
Secondary	0 (2)	0 (55,863)
Total	21 (30)	652,489 (912,599)

This means that 36 (59%) of primary schools are funded within the range of the MFG and gains cap compared to 25 (42%) in 2016-17 and 15 (83%) of secondary schools compared to 12 (67%) in 2016-17.

Early Years

The hourly rates for providers of early years education has increased to £4.39 from £3.56 for private and voluntary settings and £4.10 for maintained and independent settings. There is no longer a quality supplement.

High Needs

Top up (element 3) funding for special schools through the matrix of special need remains unchanged from the previous year as does the £12.67 hourly rate top up above 12 hours for pupils with EHC plans in mainstream schools.

Top up (element 3) funding for the pupil referral service has been increased to £8,000 from £5,000 for KS3 provision and £6,000 and £8,000 for KS4 intervention and exclusion respectively.