



Department
for Education

APPENDIX N

Consultation Response Form

Consultation closing date: 2 June 2014
Your comments must reach us by that date

Simplifying the administration of academies funding

If you would prefer to respond online to this consultation please use the following link: <https://www.education.gov.uk/consultations>

In order to help with the analysis of consultation responses please use the online system wherever possible. If for exceptional reasons you are unable to use the online system, for example because you use accessibility software that is not compatible with the system, you may use this version of the form.

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Please tick if you want us to keep your response confidential.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for confidentiality:	

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If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the Ministerial and Public Communications Division by e-mail: consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the GOV.UK '[Contact Us](#)' page.

Please mark the box that best describes you as a respondent.

<input type="checkbox"/> Maintained school	<input type="checkbox"/> Academy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Governor	<input type="checkbox"/> Bursar	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Schools forum	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade union organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Please specify:

1 Do you agree in principle with our proposal to convert non-recoupment academies to recoupment academies in 2015-16?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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Comments:

All academy funding should be on the same basis. This proposal would make it fairer and more transparent.

- 2 Do you agree with our proposed methodology for calculating additional funding to be added to the local authorities' dedicated schools grant to take account of recoupment for former non-recoupment academies?

Agree

Disagree

Not Sure

Comments:

Central expenditure is top sliced from the DSG to pay for existing pupils and schools (pupil growth, falling rolls etc) and should not be used to also fund non recoupment academies without an increase in the DSG.

- 3 Do you agree with our proposed treatment of minimum funding levels within that calculation?

Agree

Disagree

Not Sure

Comments:

Although the principle of the calculation is reasonable we do not agree with the proposals to distribute the £350m within the “Fairer Schools Funding” consultation document and cannot therefore agree to this proposal either.

- 4 Do you agree with our proposal for calculating recoupment for former non-recoupment academies, including treatment of the minimum funding guarantee?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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Comments:

All academies should be treated on the same basis and should be funded on the October pupil numbers and not estimated pupil numbers.

- 5 Do you agree with the proposal to recoup funding when pupils leave the local authority maintained sector (or other school funded through the dedicated schools grant) to join a new or expanding free school?

<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure
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Comments:

The current DSG should not be used to fund pupil growth in free schools. This is an additional burden on LAs and should be funded as such. It will put too much pressure on existing levels of DSG and result in a reduction in the values of funding factors. LAs should not fund pupil growth in free schools that have opened where there is no necessity through Basic Need.

- 6 Do you agree that, if recouping funding when pupils leave the local authority maintained sector (or other school funded through the dedicated schools grant) to join a new or expanding free school, our proposal not to recoup in the first year is a fair solution?

Agree

Disagree

Not sure

Comments:

After the first year this proposal is fundamentally unfair. We do not agree that free schools should be included within the DSG so cannot agree to this proposal.

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you place an 'X' in the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply.



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Here at the Department for Education we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, please confirm below if you would be willing to be contacted again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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All DfE public consultations are required to meet the Cabinet Office [Principles on Consultation](#)

The key consultation principles are:

- departments will follow a range of timescales rather than defaulting to a 12-week period, particularly where extensive engagement has occurred before
- departments will need to give more thought to how they engage with and use real discussion with affected parties and experts as well as the expertise of civil service learning to make well informed decisions
- departments should explain what responses they have received and how these have been used in formulating policy
- consultation should be 'digital by default', but other forms should be used where these are needed to reach the groups affected by a policy
- the principles of the Compact between government and the voluntary and community sector will continue to be respected.

Completed responses should be sent or emailed by 2 June 2014.

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Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.