

**SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM – CHANGES FOR 2014-15**

The structure of the 13-14 reform remains in place

The simplified local formula is still at the centre of the system

There is still a closely limited set of factors that can be used in the school formula distribution

The high needs system remains broadly as in 13-14

The changes being introduced for 14-15 are relatively minor

The minimum funding guarantee continues at -1.5% per pupil with the same exclusions + sparsity

**Principal changes for 2014 -15**

One new factor – an allowance for sparsity, aimed at supporting necessary small schools, mainly in rural areas. Maximum value is £100,000.

Lump sum – LAs can now choose to have different lump sums for primary and secondary schools

The lump sum is capped at £175,000

Where two schools amalgamate the new school will receive 85% of the total of the lump sums of the predecessors for the next full year

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The Looked After Children factor must now apply to any child who has been in care for at least one day during a specified period

The prior attainment factor has changes in its measurement at Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 2. For EYFS it will be not achieving a good level of development for 2013 cohort; for KS2 it is not achieving level 4 in English **or** Maths for all cohorts

The mobility factor is now applied when the number of “mobile” pupils exceeds 10%

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The basic entitlement for primary pupils (AWPU) must be at least £2,000 and for secondary pupils (KS3 and KS4) at least £3,000

LAs must ensure that at least 80% of delegated funding is distributed by pupil led factors

For 2014-15 there will continue to be no restraints on the primary/secondary ratio

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LAs may create a fund to cover temporary falling rolls in advance of a population bulge – but only for good or outstanding schools or academies

Forum regulations will require one member from an institution providing education to 16 – 19 year olds, other than schools or academies – replacing the 14-19 partnership

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The recommendation in 13-14 that authorities delegate sufficient funding to allow schools to meet up to £6,000 of special needs costs; this is mandatory in 14-15

Where additional (SEN headroom) funding (not top-up funding) is given to some schools with disproportionate numbers of high needs pupils the criteria needs to be cleared

High needs places in special units (not the number of pupils in the unit) will be deducted from the pupil roll

For post 16 pupils in special schools and academies the place value will be set at £10,000 in place of the normal post 16 values