

Central Bedfordshire
Council
Priory House
Monks Walk
Chicksands,
Shefford SG17 5TQ

**This meeting
may be filmed.***



**Central
Bedfordshire**

please ask for Sharon Griffin
direct line 0300 300 5066
date 10 September 2018

NOTICE OF MEETING

SPECIAL SCHOOLS FORUM

Date & Time

Thursday, 13 September 2018 4.30 p.m.

Venue at

**The Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk,
Chicksands Shefford, SG17 5TQ**

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the SCHOOLS FORUM:

School Members:

Ali Brabner, Cranfield Academy
Oliver Button, Queensbury Academy
Pete Cohen, Oak Bank School/Academy of Central Bedfordshire
Leigh Davies, Willow Nursery School
Caren Earp, Henlow Middle Academy
Karen Hayward, Sandy Upper School
Sue Howley MBE, Fairfield Park Lower School
Michael Howe, Leighton Middle School
James Hughes, Beecroft Academy
Lisa Leonard, The Chiltern School
Alexia Moyle, Greenleas Lower School
Joanna New, Flitwick Lower School
David Penfold, Cranfield CofE Academy
Joe Selmes, Weatherfield Academy
Sue Teague, Caddington and Slip End Lower School
Stephen Tiktin, Beaudesert Lower School
Sally Wells, St Andrew's Lower School

Non School Members Paul Burrett, Church of England Diocese Representative
Ali Challis, Early Years Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Provider Representative
Martin Foster, Trade Union Representative
Mary Morris, Catholic Diocese Representative
Sarah Mortimer, Post 16 Education Representative
Cllr Ken Ferguson, Chairman of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Observer: Cllr Steven Dixon, Executive Member for Education and Skills

Current Vacancies Secondary maintained head teacher
Secondary maintained school governor

Officers	Mr P Ball	Senior Finance Manager- Children's Services
	Ms L Bartos	Head of Service for SEND
	Mr P Fraser	Partnership and Community Engagement
	Ms S Griffin	Committee Services Officer
	Mrs S Harrison	Director of Children's Services
	Mr C Kiernan	Interim Head of School Improvement

***Please note that phones and other equipment may be used to film, audio record, tweet or blog from this meeting. No part of the meeting room is exempt from public filming.**

The use of arising images or recordings is not under the Council's control.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Proposed School Funding for 2019/20**

To comment on the consultation document and agree that the document be circulated for consultation with all schools from 17 September 2018.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of Meeting: 13 September 2018

Schools forum – Schools funding formula consultation 2019/20

Responsible Officer: Peter Fraser

Email: peter.fraser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Advising Officer: Phil Ball

Email: phil.ball@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Public

Purpose of this report: the dedicated schools grant (DSG) for LAs will be allocated in four blocks (schools, high needs, early years and central schools services). Each will be calculated on the basis of a different national formula.

The local authority must engage in open and transparent consultation with all maintained schools and academies in its area, as well as with its schools forum, about any proposed changes to the local funding formula for the schools block including the method, principles and rules adopted. The consultation document sets out Central Bedfordshire's proposals for schools funding for the 2019/20 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Schools Forum is asked to comment on the consultation document and agree for it to be circulated for consultation with all schools from 17 September 2018

1 The national funding formula for 2019/20

- 1.1 The consultation document summarises the structure of the schools block (p 3), which has 14 factors, and has not changed from 2018/19. The major changes are to minimum funding levels for schools, the funding 'floor' and a gains 'cap' (see page 4).
- 1.2 The consultation informs school managers and governors about minor changes, before explaining the regulation capping the movement of any schools block funding to a maximum of 0.5 per cent. This must be agreed by Schools Forum: without agreement, the local authority must apply to the Secretary of State for Education for permission to do so.
- 1.3 The consultation should include a demonstration of the effect of modelling such changes on individual maintained schools and academies. The local authority is responsible for making the final decisions on the formula and must ensure there is time to gain political approval before the due deadlines. In Central Bedfordshire it is the council's Executive that determines the allocation of the dedicated schools grant (DSG). Schools Forum's role is to advise the Executive of its view of the best way to allocate the funding formula.

2 Central Bedfordshire's proposed formula for 2019/20

- 2.1 The formula for the current (2018/19) financial year forms the starting point for the 2019/20 proposals, and the current schools block distribution is shown in the table on page 6. The consultation timetable is on page 7: the consultation starts on 17 September and ends on 19 October 2018.

- 2.2 The proposals will be finalised following consideration of the responses to the consultation, before being considered by Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 November and determined by Executive on 4 December. The final budget will be sent to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (the deadline for which is 21 January 2019) before individual school budgets are sent to schools (by 28 February 2019).
- 2.3 There are two 'compulsory factors' for the 2019/20 schools block:
- **basic entitlement** (called the age weighted pupil unit, abbreviated to AWPU): the proposal is that this will be funded by the remaining budget after applying all the other proposed factors; and
 - **deprivation**, for which no changes are proposed.
- 2.4 There are a wide range of optional factors – for Looked After Children, pupil mobility, the lump sum, split sites, rates, sparsity, and exceptional premises factors; the council does not propose any changes to these.
- 2.5 The key changes are as follows:
- Greater flexibility in the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) was introduced in 2018/19. Local authorities can set the MFG between plus 0.5 per cent and minus 1.5 per cent. It is proposed to be set at minus one per cent – in 2018/19 it was zero per cent.
 - It is proposed to request Schools Forum to agree the transfer of 0.5 per cent of the schools block into the High Needs Block to meet the demand for spend.
 - We are proposing to introduce the Low Prior Attainment factor at 50 per cent of the NFF rate to smooth the transition to the full NFF.
- 2.6 The consultation report ends with a summary of proposed changes, and contains a modelling of the proposed factors, using the October 2017 pupil count, to give an indication to schools of the effect of the implementation of the proposals.

3 Financial and risk implications

- 3.1 The DSG is a council budget, and it is the responsibility of the council to set the schools budget annually. There is a risk to the council if either Schools Forum or the Secretary of State for Education does not agree to the transfer of 0.5 per cent of the schools block to fund the High Needs Block.

4 Governance and delivery implications

- 4.1 The council has a legal duty to set the four blocks of the DSG by the 21 January 2019.

5 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The PSED requires public bodies to consider all individuals when carrying out their day to day work in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

5.2 Council officers have considered the needs of a range of vulnerable groups, including children looked after by the council, pupils with low prior attainment, English as an additional language and children who have high rates of mobility.

6 Implications for work programme

6.1 There are no implications for the work programme.

7 Conclusion and next steps

7.1 Council officers will consider the responses to the consultation and determine the proposed formula for the schools block for comment by Children's Services OSC and determination by Executive at its meeting on 4 December 2018.

8 Appendices

8.1 Proposed school funding for 2019/20 (including an appendix setting out the effect of the proposals on all schools (maintained and academy).

9 Background papers

9.1 None

This page is intentionally left blank

Proposed School Funding for 2019/20

Consultation document

Contents

Section	Page
Introduction	3
The schools national funding formula	3
Updating the schools national funding formula	4
Growth Funding	4
Minor Changes	5
Block movements	5
Next steps on the schools national funding formula	5
Central Bedfordshire's current (2018/19) funding formula for schools	6
Reviewing and consulting on the pre-16 funding formula 2019/20	6
Proposed Formula Factors for Distributing the Schools Block	8
Movement between Blocks	14
Financial Model	14
Consultation Process	15

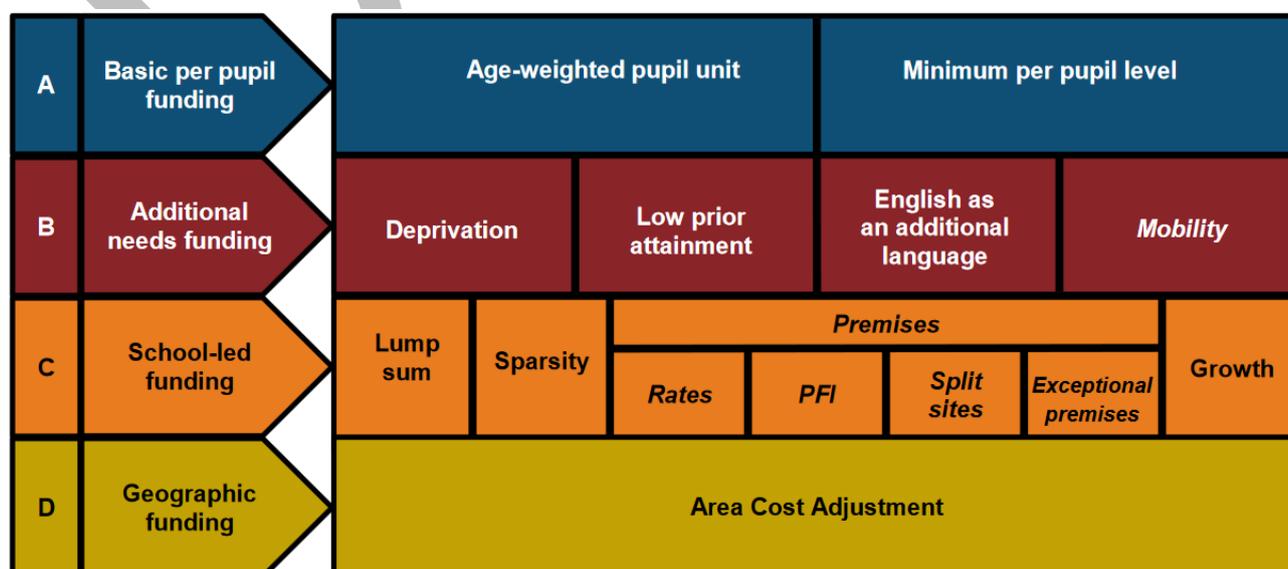
Please read this consultation document and then answer the questions on our proposals for school funding in 2019/20 by completing our [online form](#). All responses must be received by **19th October 2018**.

Introduction

1. On the 24th July 2018 The Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb, announced details of the school revenue funding for 2019/20, through three of the four blocks of the dedicated schools grant; the school block, the high needs block, and the central school services block. Funding allocations for the early years block will be published later in the year.
2. School funding has already benefitted from the introduction of the National Funding Formula (NFF) in April 2018. Resources are now being distributed according to a formula based on the individual needs and characteristics of schools. As announced last year, the department has updated elements of the formula for 2019/20; in particular a new approach for allocating funding to local authorities to support schools with significant in-year growth, which brings this funding into a formula rather than allocating on a historical basis.
3. It is recognised that the introduction of the national funding formula represented a significant change. To provide stability for local authorities and schools through the transition, it was previously confirmed that for 2018/19 and 2019/20 the local authority will continue to set a local schools formula, in consultation with schools. **These local formulae determine individual schools' budgets.** To continue to support a smooth transition to the NFF, the Department has confirmed this will continue in **2020/21**.

The schools national funding formula in 2019/20

The structure of the schools national funding formula in 2019/20 is not changing. The figure below shows the 14 factors that comprise the formula.



Updating the schools national funding formula in 2019/20

4. The updated allocations are based on the latest available pupil characteristics data. By updating the data driving the formula on an annual basis, it is ensuring that the school funding system is responsive to changing levels of need across different areas.
5. Three key areas of the formula have been updated in 2019/20, in line with the commitments set out last year. These are:
 - **The minimum per pupil funding levels** - for secondary schools will increase to £4,800 and for primary schools will increase to £3,500.
 - **The funding floor** – will increase to ensure that all schools will attract at least a 1% gain per pupil against their 2017/18 baselines.
 - **The gains cap** - will increase to 6.09% per pupil against 2017/18 baselines.

Growth funding for 2019/20

6. Growth funding enables local authorities to support schools with significant in-year growth, which is not immediately recognised by the lagged funding system. Local Authorities **will continue** to manage their growth funding locally in 2019/20 as they did in 2018/19.
7. In 2018/19 growth funding allocations were based on planned spend in 2017/18. Allocating growth funding on a historical basis is not a long-term solution as it assumes growth will follow the same pattern as previous years. In 2019/20 the Department is introducing a formulaic approach to allocations based on actual growth that individual local authorities are experiencing.
8. For each local authority the growth factor will allocate:
 - £1,370 for each primary 'growth' pupil
 - £2,050 for secondary 'growth' pupil
 - £65,000 for each new school

Growth allocations for 2019/20 will be based on pupil data from the October 2018 census compared against pupil data from the October 2017 census.

9. It is not expected that local authorities use these rates in their local arrangements for funding growth. The growth factor in the NFF is a proxy for overall growth costs at a local authority level and not at the level of individual schools. It is not expected that local authority spending on growth will match the sum allocated and the local authority will have the ability to 'top slice' the overall school block funding to fund pupil growth.

Minor changes to the 2019/20 schools' formula

10. The following minor changes have been applied in 2019/20:

- Protection for new schools to ensure these schools are funded on a fair basis compared to other schools in the local authority
- Adjusting the Primary Low Prior Attainment (LPA) factor value from £1,050 to £1,022 but maintaining the total proportion of spend on Primary LPA
- Changing the minimum per pupil funding levels for middle schools, Key Stage 3-only and Key Stage 4-only schools. For 2019/20 a new minimum per pupil for KS4 only schools of £5,100 and both KS3 year groups in middle schools and KS3-only schools of £4,600.
- Premises and mobility factors; will be on the same approach as in 2018/19 (premises - rates, split sites and exceptional circumstances) and based on 2018/19 spend. However, the longer-term approach is continuing to be considered.

Block movements in 2019/20

11. In 2018/19 a ring fence around the school block of 95% was introduced. This will be retained in 2019/20 to ensure the vast majority of school block funding allocated to the local authority is passed directly to schools.
12. The local authority has flexibility to transfer funding to other areas, particularly high needs, where there is a strong rationale for doing so. These transfers will continue to be limited to 0.5% of the school block and will require the agreement of the schools forum and consultation with all schools. Reasonable requests for exceptions to these rules will be considered.
13. With effect from 2019/20 the Department intends to tighten the rules governing deficits in local authorities' overall DSG accounts. It is intended that a report will be required where a DSG deficit of more than 1% as at March 2019, to explain the local authority's plans for bringing the account back into balance. This report will need to be discussed with the schools forum.

Next steps on the schools NFF

14. Local authorities will continue to determine local formula in 2020/21.

15. Work will continue with stakeholders to consider technical improvements to the following factors:

- **Growth** – recognising concerns about the lagged nature of this funding and to explore options in the future including the potential use of projections and in-year adjustments

- **Mobility** – developing an accurate and robust indicator to replace the use of historic spending in 2020/21
- **Premises** – explore how funding for these factors could be allocated according to a formula in the future
- **Low prior attainment** – consider longer term changes to improve targeting of funding to need
- **Sparsity** – continue to consider how the distance measure used in sparsity funding could be refined in the future

Central Bedfordshire's current 2018/19 funding formula for schools

16. The table below reflects the distribution of the School Block DSG to individual schools in **2018/2019**:

Factor			
		Primary	Secondary
A basic per pupil entitlement	Primary AWPU	£3,074	
	KS3 AWPU	£4,336	
	KS4 AWPU	£5,045	
Deprivation	FSM	£440	£440
	FSM6	£540	£785
	IDACI Band F	£200	£290
	IDACI Band E	£240	£390
	IDACI Band D	£360	£515
	IDACI Band C	£390	£580
	IDACI Band B	£420	£600
	IDACI Band A	£575	£810
Looked After Children		£0	
Prior Attainment		£0	
EAL		£0	
Lump Sum		£110,000	
Split Site		£120,000	
Rates		Based on actual	
Pupil Mobility		£0	
Exceptional Premises factors	Joint Use	£98,330	
	Rent (school specific total)	£40,060	
Sparsity		£0	
MFG		0%	

Reviewing and consulting on the pre-16 funding formula 2019-20

17. The local authority must engage in open and transparent consultation with all maintained schools and academies in the area, as well as with its school forum,

about any proposed changes to the local funding formula including the method, principles and rules adopted.

18. Any consultation should include a demonstration of the effect of modelling such changes on individual maintained schools and academies. Local authorities should communicate proposed formula changes to all bodies affected by the change. **The authority is responsible for making the final decisions on the formula** and must ensure there is time to gain political approval before the APT deadline in January 2019. Political ratification means approval in line with the authority's local scheme of delegation.
19. Local authorities should also ensure that enough time is allowed for wider consultation with schools, agreement by their school forum, and political approval if they wish to transfer funding out of the schools block, or submit a disapplication request.
20. We are keen to hear your views before we make our final decision on the funding arrangements for 2019/20. You will notice that we have included questions throughout this document to support you in thinking about these changes. To find out how you can respond to these questions, please read the consultation section at the end of this document.
21. The table below provides a summary of the timetable for implementation of the 2019/20 funding arrangements.

When	Activity
17 th September 2018	Consultation with schools commences
1 st October 2018	Discussion with School Forum
19 th October 2018	Consultation with schools ends
20 th November 2018	CBC Overview and Scrutiny
30 th November 2018	Deadline for submission for dis-applications.
4 th December 2018	CBC Executive to approve the 2019/20 Funding distribution
December 2018	DfE confirms DSG Schools Block for 2019/20
21 st January 2019	Councils submit final pro-forma to Education Funding Agency
28 th February 2019	Council issues Individual School Budgets

Proposed Formula Factors for Distributing the 2019/20 Schools Block

Compulsory Factors

Basic per-pupil entitlement (AWPU)

22. This factor assigns funding on the basis of individual pupils, with the number of pupils for each school or academy based on the October pupil census.
23. Funding is allocated according to an age-weighted pupil unit (AWPU). There is a single rate for primary age pupils, which must be at least £2,000. There may be different rates for key stage 3 and key stage 4, with a minimum of £3,000 for each.
24. The LA proposes that this factor will be funded based on the balance of the overall funding envelope once all other factors within this consultation have been applied. This will take into account the minimum funding levels.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree that this factor is the balance of funding, taking into account all other factors and the minimum levels permissible in line with the Department's guidance? (Please answer Qx on the consultation response form).

Deprivation

25. Local authorities can use free school meals (FSM), the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI), or both, to calculate the deprivation factor. Eligibility for current free school meals is derived from the previous October census, and Ever6 FSM (pupils entitled to free meals at any time in the last 6 years) is measured at the previous January census. If using FSM, local authorities can choose to use either current or Ever6 FSM, or both.
26. The IDACI measure uses 6 bands and different values can be attached to each band. Different unit values can be used for primary and secondary within each band.
27. In 2018/19 the local authority aligned this factor with the National Funding Formula (see the table in paragraph 16). There are no changes proposed for 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree that the deprivation funding continues to be aligned with the national funding formula, as in 2018/2019?

(Please answer **Qx** on the consultation response form if applicable).

Optional factors

Looked After Children (LAC)

28. A single unit value may be applied for any child who has been looked after for one day or more as recorded on the LA SSSDA903 return at 31 March 2018.
29. This data is mapped to schools using the January school census, enabling identification of the number of looked-after children in each school or academy.
30. The Department do not use a LAC factor in the NFF. Instead, the pupil premium plus rate has been increased from 2018 to 2019 from £1,900 to £2,300.
31. In 2018/19 the LA aligned this factor to the national funding formula and proposes to continue this approach in 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree that the LAC factor continues to be aligned with the national funding formula, as in 2018/19?

(Please answer **QX** on the consultation response form if applicable).

Prior Attainment

32. The prior attainment factor acts as a proxy indicator for low level, high incidence special educational needs. In 2018/19 the LA **did not** direct funding through this optional factor.
33. The local authority can apply this factor for :
 - Primary pupil identified as not achieving the expected level of development in the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP)
 - Secondary pupils not reaching the expected standard in KS2 at either reading or writing or maths
34. However, the EYFSP changed in 2013, so from 2019/20 there will be no need for a primary weighting as all primary year groups will represent results under the new framework.
35. The NFF funds low prior attainment at £1,022 for Primary pupils and £1,550 Secondary pupils.
36. The local authority is keen to move towards the NFF and introduce this factor for 2019/20. However, modelling showed considerable fluctuation in year on year funding for some schools as the AWPU needed to be reduced to afford this additional factor. Therefore, we are proposing to introduce this factor at 50% of the NFF rate (£511 for Primary and £775 for Secondary pupils) to smooth the transition.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce this factor for 2019/20 and do you agree with the transitional rate set at 50% of the NFF.?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

37. Pupils that have been identified on the October census with a first language other than English may attract funding for up to three years after they enter the statutory school system. Local authorities can choose to use indicators based on one, two or three years and there can be separate unit values for primary and secondary. In 2018/19 the LA did not direct funding through this optional factor.
38. Although this factor has been included in the NFF (based on three years), the local authority does not propose to introduce this factor for 2019/20. Modelling showed a further reduction to the AWPU value would have been required to fund the introduction of this factor. This will be kept under review.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue to exclude English as an Additional Language (EAL) as a factor in the funding formula for 2019/20?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Pupil Mobility

39. This measure counts pupils who entered a school during the last three academic years, but did not start in August or September (or January for reception pupils). There is a 10% threshold and funding is allocated based on the proportion above the threshold; so if a school has 12% mobility, then 2% of pupils would attract funding.
40. This is an optional factor and has not previously been included in the local funding formula. There are no changes proposed for 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue excluding pupil mobility as a factor from the funding formula for 2019/20?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Note - Local authorities must allocate at least 80% of the delegated schools block funding through pupil-led factors

Lump sum

41. Local authorities can set a flat lump sum for all phases, or differentiate the sums for primary and secondary (and give middle schools a weighted average based on the number of year groups in each phase). The maximum lump sum is £175,000.

42. In line with the NFF, the local authority allocated CBC schools a lump sum of £110,000 in 2018/19. There are no changes proposed for 2019/20.

**Question: How far do you agree or disagree that the lump sum factor continues to be aligned with the national funding formula, as in 2018/19?
(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).**

Split sites

43. The purpose of this factor is to support schools that have unavoidable extra costs because the school buildings are on separate sites. Allocations must be based on objective criteria for the definition of a split site and for how much is paid.

44. The local authority currently funds schools through a split site factor of £120,000.

45. The definition of a split site for 2019/20 is 'a single school, based on two or more sites that do not share a common boundary, where use of a public highway is necessary to travel between each site and where staff teach more than one curriculum subject area on a daily basis in order to support the principle of a whole school policy.'

46. The national funding formula currently includes the split site factor based on historical spend although this is under review.

47. The local authority proposal is to continue with funding split sites as in 2018/19.

**Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the continuation of funding schools through a split site factor?
(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).**

Rates

48. This is an optional factor but used by all councils. It is funded on the authority's estimate of actual costs. Any adjustment can be made in the following financial year.

49. There are no changes proposed for 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the continuation of funding rates on an actual basis?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Sparsity

50. Schools that are eligible for sparsity funding must meet two criteria: first, they are located in areas where pupils would have to travel a significant distance to an alternative should the school close, and second, they are small schools

51. This is an optional factor and not currently in use for CBC Schools.
52. Although the national funding formula includes sparsity, the Department is considering improvements to the measurement.
53. There are no changes proposed for 2019/20.

**Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue not to include a sparsity factor for 2019/20?
(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).**

Exceptional premises factors

54. Local authorities can apply to the ESFA to use exceptional factors relating to school premises for example, rents or joint use sports facilities. The exceptional factors must relate to premises costs. Applications should only be submitted where the value of the factor is more than 1% of a school's budget and applies to fewer than 5% of the schools in the authority's area.
55. Local authorities can use exceptional factors used in 2018/19 (for pre-existing, and newly-qualifying schools) in 2019/20, if the qualification criteria are still met.
56. The local authority currently funds joint use and rent and proposes no changes for 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue funding the joint use arrangement?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with continuing a rent factor for schools that meet the criteria?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Minimum Funding Guarantee and Capping and scaling

57. Local Authorities will continue to set a pre-16 minimum funding guarantee (MFG) in the local formulae, to protect schools from excessive year on year changes and to allow changes in pupil characteristics (for example reducing levels of deprivation in a school) to flow through. Greater flexibility for the MFG was introduced in 2018 /19; local authorities will continue to be able to set an MFG between plus 0.5% and minus 1.5% per pupil. Local authorities are required to consult on the level of the MFG, as with the rest of the formula.
58. The MFG applies to pupils in reception to year 11. Early years pupils and ESFA funded post-16 pupils are excluded from the calculation. The following formula

factors are automatically excluded from the MFG calculation as not doing so would result in excessive protection or be inconsistent with other policies:

- The 2019/20 lump sum. This is excluded from both the baseline and 2019/20 funding so that schools are protected against significant change in the lump sum between years
- Rates. These are excluded from both the baseline and 2019/20 funding at their respective values for each year

59. The MFG calculation for mainstream schools applies only to the schools block funding. Funding from the early years block, high needs block or from ESFA for post-16 pupils are excluded from the calculation.
60. It is likely that protection will still be required for some schools as a result of changes to formulae. The Department is allowing overall gains for individual schools to be capped as well as scaled back to ensure that the formula is affordable. It no longer has to be applied only to the extent that it offsets the cost of the MFG.
61. The local authority proposes to set the Minimum Funding Guarantee at minus 1% for 2019/20.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to fund the Minimum Funding Guarantee at minus 1.0%?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to continue to cap those schools that gain in order to fund the Minimum Funding Guarantee?

(Please answer QX on the consultation response form if applicable).

Movement between blocks

62. Local authorities may transfer up to 0.5% of their school block funding into another block, with the approval of the school forum.
63. Local authorities wishing to make a transfer should consult with all local maintained schools and academies, and the school forum should take into account the view of the schools responding before giving their approval.
64. Local authorities must submit a disapplication request to the Secretary of State in cases where the local authority wishes to move more than 0.5% or the schools forum has turned down a proposal from the authority to move funding out of the school block, but the authority wishes to proceed with the transfer.

65. It is expected that most proposals to move funding from the school block is as a result of pressures of the high needs block. Any proposal to transfer funding should be presented along with a range of evidence to back up the proposal, both to schools as part of the local consultation and to the school forum in seeking their approval.
66. There is an increasing pressure on the high needs block in Central Bedfordshire, as there is across the country. In 2018/19 0.5% of the schools block was transferred to the high needs block to fund a range of Early Intervention projects in schools, with a view to beginning to manage the demand for Education, Health and Care Plans. These projects will not have such an immediate impact that the high needs block will cease to be under pressure in 2019/20. For the two previous financial years and during the current year the overspend in the high needs block is significant and has been met by removing money from the early years block on occasions and the growth fund underspend. It is therefore proposed to request a transfer of 0.5% from the schools block into the high needs block in 2019/20 in order to meet the demand for spend.

Question: How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to transfer 0.5% from the School Block to the High Needs Block?

(Please answer **QX** on the consultation response form if applicable).

Financial Model

67. Below is a summary of the proposed changes and the basis of the modelling attached. **It should be noted that the modelling is based on October 2017 pupil numbers and characteristics and will be updated.**

Factor		2018/19	2019/20
A basic per pupil entitlement	Primary AWPU	£3,066	£2,960
	Key Stage 3 AWPU	£4,328	£4,222
	Key Stage 4 AWPU	£5,037	£4,931
Deprivation	Primary and Secondary FSM	£440	£440
	Primary FSM6	£540	£540
	Secondary FSM6	£785	£785
	Primary IDACI band A	£575	£575
	Primary IDACI band B	£420	£420
	Primary IDACI band C	£390	£390
	Primary IDACI band D	£360	£360
	Primary IDACI band E	£240	£240
	Primary IDACI band F	£200	£200
	Secondary IDACI band A	£810	£810
	Secondary IDACI band B	£600	£600
	Secondary IDACI band C	£560	£560
	Secondary IDACI band D	£515	£515
	Secondary IDACI band E	£390	£390

	Secondary IDACI band F	£290	£290
Looked After Children		£0	£0
Prior Attainment	Primary	£0	£511
	Secondary	£0	£775
EAL		£0	£0
Lump Sum		£110,000	£110,000
Split Site		£120,000	£120,000
Rates		Based on actual	Based on actual
PFI		£0	£0
Pupil Mobility		£0	£0
Exceptional Premises factors	Joint Use	£98,330	£98,330
	Rent	£37,760	£37,760
Sparsity		£0	£0
MFG		0%	-1.0%
Capping		2.27%	4.41%

68. Winners have been capped by 4.41% (this is calculated in line with the MFG on a per pupil guarantee). The cap is necessary to fund the required protection calculated for MFG.

69. **The figures are illustrative and must not be taken as final allocations.**

Do you have any other comments about the proposals for school funding in 2019/20?

(Please answer QX of the consultation form).

The Consultation Process

70. The local authority is consulting schools in Central Bedfordshire to ensure that you have every opportunity to have your say on the final funding scheme.

71. The consultation is open between Monday 17th September 2018 and Friday 19th October 2018. You can respond to the consultation through our [online response form](#).

72. The feedback from the consultation will be presented to the Council's Executive on 4th December 2018 where a final decision will be made.

Appendix 1

Modelling of these factors based on 2017 census figures is attached. These are indicative figures only and are for comparison purposes to be able to assist your response to this consultation. **They do not represent a final budget figure.**



A great place to live and work

DRAFT

Contact us...

by telephone: xxxxx

by email: xxxxxx

on the web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Write to: Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands,
Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

DfE No	School Name	A	18/19 ISB		Variance	
			Oct 17 Pupils		18/19	
MFG gains ceiling			2.27%	4.41%		
MFG			0.0%	-1.0%	at	-1.0% MFG
8233306	Clifton All Saints Academy	a	570,016	583,425	13,408	2.35%
8232192	Ardley Hill Academy	a	1,481,193	1,500,084	18,891	1.28%
8235202	Ashton St Peter's VA C of E School		817,164	810,152	(7,012)	-0.86%
8232002	Aspley Guise Lower School		555,068	550,756	(4,313)	-0.78%
8232067	Beaudesert Lower School		896,477	888,867	(7,609)	-0.85%
8232040	Beecroft Academy	a	1,552,307	1,563,246	10,939	0.70%
8232007	Caldecote Church of England Academy	a	318,830	324,106	5,276	1.65%
8232033	Campton Lower School		522,393	518,338	(4,055)	-0.78%
8232136	Chalton Lower School		298,630	298,082	(548)	-0.18%
8232110	Church End Lower School		1,502,841	1,523,805	20,964	1.39%
8232201	Clipstone Brook Lower School		860,277	870,974	10,696	1.24%
8233005	Cranfield Church of England Academy	a	1,364,413	1,375,390	10,977	0.80%
8232056	Derwent Lower School		529,750	534,771	5,020	0.95%
8232189	Doverly Down Lower School		610,925	606,049	(4,876)	-0.80%
8232285	St. Augustine's Academy	a	844,092	836,767	(7,325)	-0.87%
8233006	Dunton CofE VC Lower School		339,093	337,567	(1,526)	-0.45%
8232042	Eaton Bray Academy	a	673,285	694,082	20,798	3.09%
8232046	Eversholt Lower School	a	303,428	308,693	5,265	1.74%
8232047	Everton Heath Primary School		275,278	273,674	(1,605)	-0.58%
8233351	Fairfield Park Lower School		1,238,699	1,249,870	11,171	0.90%
8232049	Flitwick Lower School		979,698	985,949	6,251	0.64%
8232000	Gothic Mede Academy	a	1,054,629	1,079,935	25,305	2.40%
8232051	Gravenhurst Academy	a	300,093	298,175	(1,919)	-0.64%
8233007	Greenfield CofE VC Lower School	a	509,480	508,799	(680)	-0.13%
8232289	Greenleas School		2,198,023	2,209,308	11,285	0.51%
8232168	Hadrian Academy	a	1,336,950	1,324,714	(12,235)	-0.92%
8232180	Harlington Lower School	a	581,729	577,038	(4,690)	-0.81%
8232209	Hawthorn Park Community Primary		1,478,867	1,499,857	20,990	1.42%
8232055	Haynes Lower School		517,437	521,535	4,099	0.79%
8232184	Heathwood Lower School		647,509	642,346	(5,163)	-0.80%
8232218	Hockliffe Lower School		287,311	287,113	(198)	-0.07%
8232057	Houghton Conquest Lower School		413,080	414,345	1,265	0.31%
8232058	Houghton Regis Primary School		1,058,705	1,099,326	40,621	3.84%
8232059	Husborne Crawley Lower School		296,029	294,213	(1,817)	-0.61%
8232038	Dunstable Icknield Lower School		1,114,958	1,134,814	19,857	1.78%
8233302	John Donne Church of England Primary School		312,127	310,127	(2,000)	-0.64%
8232008	Kensworth Church of England Academy	a	376,727	387,198	10,471	2.78%
8232174	Kingsmoor Lower School		698,002	701,478	3,475	0.50%
8232119	Laburnum Lower School		627,868	632,636	4,768	0.76%
8232005	Lancot School	a	1,350,689	1,352,152	1,464	0.11%
8232004	Langford Village Academy	a	599,219	611,716	12,497	2.09%
8232217	Lark Rise Academy	a	1,112,310	1,110,306	(2,003)	-0.18%
8232153	Lawnside Lower School		1,076,028	1,095,482	19,454	1.81%
8232177	Leedon Lower School		1,261,988	1,307,560	45,572	3.61%
8232188	Linslade Lower School		767,291	776,646	9,355	1.22%
8232001	Maple Tree Lower School		721,976	716,175	(5,801)	-0.80%
8232176	The Mary Bassett Lower School		1,112,191	1,155,633	43,442	3.91%
8232112	Maulden Lower School		576,729	579,642	2,912	0.50%
8233320	Meppershall Church of England Academy	a	404,983	406,072	1,088	0.27%
8235204	Moggerhanger Lower School		338,153	338,165	12	0.00%
8233323	Northill CofE VA Lower School		308,146	308,467	321	0.10%
8232117	Potton Lower School		899,842	907,526	7,684	0.85%
8233313	Pulford CofE VA Lower School		813,754	831,270	17,516	2.15%
8232154	Pulloxhill Lower School	a	336,294	334,039	(2,255)	-0.67%
8232282	Ramsey Manor Lower School		1,047,869	1,063,983	16,114	1.54%
8233008	Raynsford Church of England Academy	a	581,218	580,463	(755)	-0.13%
8232118	Ridgmont Lower School		278,556	276,920	(1,636)	-0.59%
8232202	Robert Peel Primary School		1,090,013	1,132,202	42,189	3.87%
8232129	Roecroft Lower School		1,492,980	1,499,205	6,225	0.42%
8232146	Russell Lower School		1,258,878	1,265,668	6,790	0.54%
8232121	Shefford Lower School		1,574,541	1,605,932	31,391	1.99%
8232111	Shelton Lower School		279,153	277,812	(1,341)	-0.48%
8232122	Shillington Lower School		501,338	512,687	11,349	2.26%
8233013	Silsoe CofE VC Lower School		836,243	839,362	3,119	0.37%
8232032	Slip End Village School		656,640	651,264	(5,376)	-0.82%
8232203	Southcott Lower School		988,765	1,006,912	18,148	1.84%
8232124	Southill Lower School		311,530	310,671	(859)	-0.28%
8233001	St Andrew's CofE VC Lower School		2,635,151	2,688,121	52,971	2.01%
8232149	St Christophers Academy	a	893,060	905,374	12,314	1.38%
8232069	St George's Lower School		488,930	485,217	(3,713)	-0.76%
8233310	St Leonards, Heath and Reach, VA Lower School		458,104	454,664	(3,441)	-0.75%
8233307	St Mary's VA CofE Lower School		451,782	453,692	1,909	0.42%
8233014	St Mary's CofE Academy Stotfold	a	933,057	937,433	4,376	0.47%
8233346	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	a	848,287	840,933	(7,354)	-0.87%
8233012	St Swithun's Church of England VC Primary School		674,764	681,413	6,649	0.99%
8233348	St Vincent's Catholic Primary School	a	818,009	810,967	(7,042)	-0.86%
8232125	Stanbridge Lower School		434,339	448,274	13,935	3.21%
8232072	Stondon Lower School		578,249	577,465	(784)	-0.14%

DfE No	School Name	A	18/19 ISB Oct 17 Pupils		Variance 18/19 at	
MFG gains ceiling			2.27%		4.41%	
MFG			0.0%		-1.0%	-1.0% MFG
8233015	Studham CofE Village School		325,675	323,566	(2,109)	-0.65%
8235203	Sundon Lower School	a	338,450	336,177	(2,274)	-0.67%
8233331	Sutton CofE VA Lower School		344,677	342,341	(2,336)	-0.68%
8232003	Swallowfield Lower School		1,030,586	1,063,403	32,817	3.18%
8232213	Templefield Lower School		920,321	926,922	6,601	0.72%
8232195	The Firs Lower School	a	992,939	1,000,805	7,865	0.79%
8232070	Thomas Johnson Lower School		335,046	332,912	(2,134)	-0.64%
8232006	Thomas Whitehead CofE Academy		1,044,990	1,047,744	2,754	0.26%
8232166	Thornhill Primary School		830,417	849,750	19,333	2.33%
8232279	Tithe Farm Primary School		1,091,046	1,084,673	(6,373)	-0.58%
8233016	Toddington St George Church of England School	a	1,039,271	1,071,270	32,000	3.08%
8232137	Totternhoe Lower School	a	423,836	420,811	(3,025)	-0.71%
8232152	Watling Lower School		701,750	699,104	(2,646)	-0.38%
8235201	Westoning Lower School		455,117	451,690	(3,427)	-0.75%
8232143	Woburn Lower School		323,585	321,464	(2,120)	-0.66%
8233017	Wrestlingworth CofE VC Lower School		309,401	310,995	1,594	0.52%
			72,641,536	73,278,713	637,177	0.88%
8234099	Alameda Middle School	a	2,874,179	2,887,261	13,081	0.46%
8234040	Arnold Academy	a	2,481,612	2,485,674	4,062	0.16%
8234038	Brooklands Middle School	a	2,098,340	2,169,759	71,419	3.40%
8234092	Potton Middle School		1,098,931	1,108,039	9,108	0.83%
8234502	Edward Peake CofE VC Middle School		1,942,072	2,022,422	80,350	4.14%
8234004	Etonbury Academy	a	3,686,055	3,843,434	157,380	4.27%
8233353	Caddington Village School		1,357,656	1,345,532	(12,124)	-0.89%
8234043	Fulbrook Middle School	a	1,630,650	1,646,097	15,447	0.95%
8234073	Gilbert Inglefield Academy	a	1,925,936	1,968,511	42,575	2.21%
8234503	Henlow Church of England Academy	a	2,329,647	2,374,726	45,079	1.94%
8234006	Biggleswade Academy	a	3,293,946	3,353,001	59,055	1.79%
8235408	Holywell School	a	2,552,679	2,593,696	41,018	1.61%
8234001	Houghton Regis Academy	a	1,572,627	1,636,811	64,185	4.08%
8234120	Leighton Middle School		2,241,562	2,256,233	14,671	0.65%
8234077	Linslade Academy Trust	a	2,484,375	2,520,721	36,346	1.46%
8234056	The Vale Academy	a	1,364,431	1,351,990	(12,441)	-0.91%
8234054	Parkfields Middle School		1,910,597	1,941,729	31,132	1.63%
8234007	Priory Academy	a	3,025,984	3,125,957	99,973	3.30%
8234034	Robert Bloomfield Academy	a	3,763,036	3,829,027	65,991	1.75%
8234033	Sandy Place Academy	a	1,985,860	2,067,962	82,102	4.13%
8234117	Woodland Middle School Academy	a	2,502,184	2,531,406	29,222	1.17%
			48,122,361	49,059,989	937,629	1.95%
8234011	Cedars Upper School	a	4,427,996	4,479,524	51,528	1.16%
8234083	Harlington Upper School	a	4,600,944	4,632,713	31,769	0.69%
8234010	Manshead CofE Academy	a	4,440,830	4,531,389	90,559	2.04%
8236905	All Saints Academy Dunstable	a	3,226,283	3,359,879	133,596	4.14%
8234002	Queensbury Academy	a	4,693,331	4,752,512	59,181	1.26%
8234003	Redborne Upper School and Community College	a	5,980,010	6,037,079	57,068	0.95%
8234079	Samuel Whitbread Academy	a	6,257,779	6,280,594	22,815	0.36%
8234078	Sandy Upper School		2,422,131	2,476,037	53,906	2.23%
8234005	Stratton Upper School	a	3,917,264	4,025,057	107,794	2.75%
8234096	Vandyke Upper School and Community College	a	3,566,215	3,622,097	55,882	1.57%
			43,532,783	44,196,881	664,098	1.53%
			164,296,680	166,535,584	2,238,904	1.36%

AWPU +/- (£114)

Low Prior Attainment	0	6,629,967
Low Prior Attainment as % of total	0.0%	4.0%