

Item 9 : Update on 2015-16 School Budgets

Schools' Funding Forum, 22 May 2015

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Members of the SFF agreed in principle that any DSG headroom would be allocated as follows (items are listed in priority order);

1. To fund PFI indexation (£300k)
2. To fund shortfall (if any) in the high needs settlement
3. Distribute any remaining balance to all phases of schools, AP provision and EY settings by a general equal % uplift . . . estimated this to be around £3m

2015-16 High Needs

DSG settlement announced on 17 December.

Of a potential pressure of 360 additional places, we received only £1.4m (equates to only £3,900/place).

Institution expectations were raised

EFA guidance was poorly worded and unhelpful

Evidence we provided was not considered

We have expressed our frustrations with EFA CEO, but to no avail (yet!).

Left us with an unexpected budget hole

2015-16 Overall DSG headroom

After running the school budgets we had £7.3m headroom. So we . . .

1. Funded PFI indexation at £0.3m
2. Transferred £4m into High Needs
3. The remaining balance of £3m was distributed to all Primary, Secondary, Special, PRUs & Alternative Provision and Early Years settings

2015-16 School Budgets

- On 20 Jan we submitted our pro-forma to the EFA
- All OK except couple of issues to do with growth funding
- Published budget templates on KELSI on 27 February, with detailed guidance document
- Also issued a key budget changes document for academies
- New 3YP tool issued end of April, some teething issues

2015-16 School Budgets

1. NRA & Free Schools now included
2. 3rd year of our new look simplified formula
3. One year settlement – flat cash
4. MFG set at -1.5% again
5. De-delegation continues for another year
6. First year of full compliance with DfE rules on £6k High Needs pupils in mainstream schools

Kent Formula Funding Rates

		Primary	Secondary
Factor 1- Basic Entitlement	*rates changed from last year	All Primary	
Factor 1- Basic Entitlement	*rates changed from last year	£2,739	
Factor 1- Basic Entitlement	*rates changed from last year	KS3	£3,802
Factor 1- Basic Entitlement	*rates changed from last year	KS4	£4,172
Factor 2 - Deprivation		Free School Meals	£359
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 1	£415
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 2	£435
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 3	£468
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 4	£515
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 5	£566
Factor 2 - Deprivation		IDACI - Band 6	£708
Factor 3 - Looked After Children		£525	£525
Factor 5 – English as Additional Language		£885	£3,344
Factor 6 - High Incidence low cost SEN	*rates changed from last year	£749	£863
Factor 7 - Lump Sum		£120,000	£120,000

DSG Distribution

	2014-15				2015-16			
	Total Allocated £'m	%	Notional SEN %	Pupil Led %	Total Allocated £'m	%	Notional SEN %	Pupil Led %
Basic Entitlement (AWPU)	597.7	75.9%		75.9%	628.8	77.3%		77.3%
Free School Meals	9.2	1.2%		1.2%	8.9	1.1%		1.1%
Deprivation (IDACI)	31.3	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	33.2	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Looked After Children (LAC)	0.6	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.6	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
English as Additional Language (EAL)	10.6	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	11.8	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Low Cost High Incidence SEN (Prior Attainment)	43.5	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	35.8	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Lump Sum	64.6	8.2%	0.4%		66.5	8.2%	0.4%	
London Fringe	1.6	0.2%		0.2%	1.6	0.2%		0.2%
Business Rates	10.2	1.3%			10.5	1.3%		
PFI	7.8	1.0%		1.0%	8.1	1.0%		1.0%
MFG	9.9	1.3%		1.3%	7.2	0.9%		0.9%
CAP	0.0	0.0%		0.0%	0.0	0.0%		0.0%
Total	787.0	100.0%	11.3%	90.5%	813.0	100.0%	10.4%	89.6%

MFG

	Primary	Secondary	All Through	Total
2014-15 – Number of schools on the MFG	142	32	1	175
<u>Changes for 2015-16</u>				
Number of schools who came off the MFG	-53	-12	0	-65
Number of schools who came onto the MFG	+28	+1	0	+29
2015-16 – Number of schools on the MFG	117	21	1	139
Total value of MFG protection in 2014-15	£5.6m	£4.0m	£0.3m	£9.9m
Total value of MFG protection in 2015-16	£4.6m	£2.4m	£0.2m	£7.2m
Reduction in MFG protection	-£1.0m	-£1.6m	-£0.1m	-£2.7m

MFG continued

Largest Cash(£) & % Protection

Primary = £397k or 21% of its formula budget

Secondary = £419k or 12% of its formula budget

MFG levels – Schools vs Academies

DfE published school and academy data for 2013-14 and 2014-15

It shows some academies are getting extremely high levels of MFG

Not all academies are benefiting

We continue to push the EFA to explain how these amounts are calculated and justified