

Special Schools Formula

PLACE FUNDING

This formula factor allocates the main part of each school's funding. Its purpose is to fund all class based staffing costs and those costs such as management, other non class staffing and other costs not included in the Lump Sum factor or School Meals factor.

Places in each school are banded to reflect the amount of adult support each child requires regardless of their need type. The levels of adult support for each band, together with brief descriptions, are detailed in Annex 2.

The Place Number

The number of places commissioned will be agreed annually by the LA and the schools.

The number of Commissioned Places is defined as

The actual number of f.t.e. pupils on roll on School Census Day

PLUS any known starters in April (funded for a full year)

PLUS or MINUS the net change in pupils arising from planned transitions for September in accordance with 15th February Statement date (funded for 7/12th of the year)

PLUS Pupils where the Authority is aware of a probable transfer during the year (funded from the probable transfer date). Probable Brent transfers are pupils whose reviews and/or parental preference have been the subject of the Complex Case Discussion Group. Probable other LA transfers are those where the Schedule 27 consultation has been initiated by the home LA and the school has indicated they can meet the pupil's needs.

If exceptionally, pupils are admitted above the commissioned number of places and schools can demonstrate that it is not possible to absorb the new pupil into an existing class without staffing ratios being adversely affected in year funding will be provided from the contingency. Where a school is in receipt of Minimum Funding Guarantee the additional in year funding will be reduced by the value of the MFG received.

The Place Number for Each Band

This will be re-determined each year based on the bandings of pupils on roll at January School Census date.

Any additional places will be placed on the bands in the same proportion as the actual school population based on the January School Census date, unless the banding of an additional pupil is known by the January School Census date.

Cost of a Single Place

The financial allocations per place consist of two elements

Class Staffing

The class staffing allocations for teachers and teaching assistants are calculated in relation to the following allocations per Band

Band	Pupils per Class	Teachers per Class	Teaching Assistants per Class
1	12	1	0.5
2	10	1	1
3	7	1	1
4	7	1	2
5	7	1	3
6	7	1	5

The funding calculation will use the average salary calculated each year for teachers and non teachers for special schools to include employers oncosts and an allowance of 10% for PPA. The base figure for 2008/09 is £56,756 for teachers and £24,432 for TAs.

Overheads

This represents the cost of management and other specific non class staffing not included in the Lump Sum allocation and equipment, supplies and materials, premises cost not covered by the premises factor etc. The allocation is made as an amount per pupil irrespective of the Banding of the pupil.

Total Band Funding

In summary the funding for each band for each school under this element of the formula is the product of:

The number of places in each band, and

The cost of a place within that band.

The total place funding for each school is the sum for each of the bands.