



Schools Forum

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Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

Update on Split Site Funding Allocations and Early Years Deprivation Funding Adjustments

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	N/A
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1: Model on Split Site Funding
Background Papers:	None
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To provide further information to the Schools Forum on the early years funding adjustment which has been applied in 2020-21 to ensure no provider rate drops by more than 1.5% compared to 2019/20.
- 1.2. To demonstrate how the criteria for split site funding has been met for the schools in receipt of this funding for 2020-21, and illustrate the impact of introducing a cap on this funding

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Schools Forum notes the information provided on early years and split site funding.
- 2.2. That Schools Forum votes on whether to introduce a cap on split site funding, and if applicable, the value of this cap.

3. Early Years Funding Rates- Minimum Funding Adjustment

- 3.1. The local Early Years Funding Formula has been set for 2020/21 with the endorsement of Schools Forum in February 2020. This includes increases to the

funding rates allocated to Brent for 2-year-old, and 3 and 4-year-old provision. The LA continues to retain 5% of the total allocated to Brent, with 95% allocated to providers.

- 3.2. The base funding rate to providers makes up 90% of allocated funding. The deprivation factor allocates the remaining 10%, based on the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), which was updated in 2019. Before this, the index was not updated since 2015. This means that individual provider rates would have changed more significantly compared to recent years. Therefore, for 2019-20, the deprivation allocation has been adjusted to ensure that no provider rate drops by more than 1.5% compared to 2019/20, while ensuring that 10% of the rate is still allocated for deprivation overall. This adjustment is for one year only.
- 3.3. Table 1 below illustrates the value of this adjustment for all early years providers. All providers can request information on this impact on their individual setting by emailing schools.financeteam@brent.gov.uk

Table 1: Summary Impact of Early Years Minimum Funding Adjustment

Number of providers receiving an increased rate due to minimum funding level	36
Percentage of providers receiving an increased rate due to minimum funding level	19%
Sum of money redistributed for minimum funding adjustment	£91,657
Average £ increase in <u>funding</u> for schools receiving minimum funding adjustment	£2,435
Average % increase in <u>funding rate</u> for schools receiving minimum funding adjustment	3.5%
Average £ decrease in <u>funding</u> for schools <u>not</u> receiving minimum funding adjustment	(£623)
Average % increase in <u>funding rate</u> for schools <u>not</u> receiving minimum funding adjustment	(0.7%)

4. Split Site Funding- Current Allocations and Criteria

- 4.1. The Schools Funding Formula is set annually by local authorities and their Schools Forums, and the DFE requires that the formula must include clear and objective criteria for allocating funding to schools. The formula must be used for all maintained schools and academies in the borough.
- 4.2. Local authorities can include a funding factor to provide additional support to schools operating on more than one site, providing the criteria is clear, transparent and objective.
- 4.3. Schools sharing facilities, federated schools and schools with remote sixth forms or remote early years provision are not eligible for split site funding.
- 4.4. The current criteria and funding allocation in Brent were agreed in 2016, and comprises a lump sum of £151,847, plus £113.70 per pupil. Where schools partially meet the criteria, they may attract a reduced lump sum of £50,000. There are currently four schools receiving full split site funding, and one school in receipt of partial split site funding.

Table 1: Assessment of Current Split Site Funding Allocations against Criteria

	The sites are more than half a mile apart, separated by public roads	It is necessary for staff to move between the sites in order to teach on both sites in support of the principle of a whole school policy and to maintain the integrity of the delivery of the National Curriculum.	Each site is occupied by a large proportion of the school (more than one year group).	
Alperton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full split site funding
Islamia	No- approximately 200metres	Yes	Yes	Partial split site funding
KHS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full split site funding
Leopold	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full split site funding
Roe Green Infant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full split site funding

4.5. The current split site funding factor does not include a cap on the level of split site funding that can be allocated to one school. If a cap were included in order to account for economies of scale in larger schools, this would need to include clear transparent and objective criteria.

4.6. Appendix 1 shows the current split site allocations, and models the funding at a cap of £200k, £250k or £300k if it had been applied in the 2019-20 financial year. The saving/ funding reductions shown are therefore for illustrative purposes only, and would vary in each financial year depending on the pupil numbers. The model assumes the same lump sum and per pupil funding as the current funding formula, with the cap applied providing a maximum level of funding.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The financial implications have been detailed in the body of this paper.

6. Legal Implications

6.1. There are no legal implications for this report.

7. Equality Implications

7.1. Not applicable.

8. Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

8.1. Not applicable.

9. Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

9.1. Not applicable.

Related documents:

Prior Financial reports to Schools Forum.

Report sign off:

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