

Appendix A – New Pupil Mobility Funding Factor and Methodology

The following extract is from the 'Schools revenue funding 2020 to 2021 Operational guide' September 2019

Pupil mobility

This is an optional factor.

50. The mobility factor allocates funding to schools with a high proportion of pupils who first join on a non-standard date. Mobility funding was previously allocated on the basis of historic spend. However, for 2020 to 2021, we have developed a new methodology that enables us to allocate this funding on a formulaic basis.

51. Rather than relying on a single census, this new methodology involves tracking individual pupils using their unique pupil ID through censuses from the past 3 years. If the first census when the pupil was in the school was a spring or summer census, they are a mobile pupil. This excludes reception pupils who start in January. This methodology also excludes pupils who joined in the summer term after the summer census, or pupils who joined in October before the autumn census.

52. To be eligible for mobility funding, the proportion of mobile pupils a school has must be above the threshold of 6%. We will then allocate a per-pupil amount to all mobile pupils above that threshold. We will publish the NFF factor values for mobility as part of the 2020 to 2021 NFF publication.

53. Mobility will continue to be an optional factor for local authorities' formulae. We will supply local authorities with mobility data calculated according to the new method in the APT. There will be further information about this change in the forthcoming NFF policy document.