



## Schools Forum 26 February 2020

### Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

## Updated 2020/21 Schools Funding Formula

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	N/A
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	2
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Prior Financial reports to Schools Forum.
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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To confirm the final schools funding formula allocations.
- 1.2. To confirm the split site funding allocations against the stipulated Brent criteria.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Schools Forum is asked to recommend the final schools mainstream funding formula for 2020/21.

### 3. Summary

- 3.1. In January 2020, Schools Forum approved the schools funding formula allocations. This followed a consultation with schools on changes to the funding formula in order to address financial pressures caused by rising costs, pupil mobility, and to provide funding to support rising pupil rolls in secondary schools.
- 3.2. Following submission to the DfE for compliance checks an error was identified with the pupil numbers included in the funding formula. Finance officers have corrected the error by adjusting the calculations to fit within the available funding whilst continuing to adhere to the same principles agreed for the 2020/21 funding formula.

#### 4. 2020/21 Mainstream Funding Formula

- 4.1. Subsequent to the January Schools Forum meeting, some adjustments were necessary to the funding formula to correct errors in the entered pupil numbers. The revised school level allocations are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2. Once the DfE checks on this are complete, the school level allocations will be published for all schools by the end of February (in addition to the school level High Needs Block allocations and Early Years Block estimates).
- 4.3. The table below shows the overall value of the changes made since the January Schools Forum:

**Table 1: 2020/21 Funding Formula Changes**

	<b>January Forum Report</b>	<b>Final Formula</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Number on Roll	41,317	41,985	668
Net Formula Funding (£)	230,051,259	230,464,917	413,658
MFG (£)	£306,940	£923,496	616,556
Average Per Pupil Funding (£)	£5,568	£5,475	(92)
Growth Fund	2,500,000	2,250,000	(250,000)
Transfer to High Needs Block	1,080,000	932,399	(147,601)
% Transfer to High Needs Block	0.46%	0.40%	-0.06%

- 4.4. Due to the increase in number on roll, the amount allocated to schools via the funding formula has increased by £0.4m, including a £55k increase to the MFG allocation. This has therefore resulted in necessary reductions to the amounts allocated to the growth fund, and the funding transferred to the high needs block. The average per pupil funding rate is £5,475, increased from £5,402 in 2019/20.

- 4.5. The final funding factor rates are shown in Appendix 2

#### 5. Split Site Funding

5.1 In January 2020, a paper was presented to Schools Forum outlining the current criteria for setting split site funding, and the Brent criteria for allocating the funding to schools. These criteria are:

- 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).

5.2 The table below shows an assessment of schools receiving split site funding against these criteria. Four schools fully meet the criteria, and one school partially meets the criteria as its sites are less than 500m apart.

**Table 2: Assessment of Schools Against Split Site Funding Criteria**

	<b>The sites are more than half a mile apart, separated by public roads</b>	<b>It is necessary for staff to move between the sites in order to teach on both sites.</b>	<b>Each site is occupied by a large proportion of the school (more than one year group).</b>
Alperton	Yes	Staff do travel between sites	Yes
Islamia	No- approximately 200 metres	Staff do travel between sites	Yes
KHS	Yes	Staff do travel between sites	Yes
Leopold	Yes	Staff do travel between sites	Yes
Roe Green Infants	Yes	Staff do travel between sites	Yes

5.3 The allocation for split site funding is made up of a lump sum of £151,847, plus £113.70 per pupil. Where schools partially meet the criteria shown in table 1, this is considered by Schools Forum and they may attract a reduced lump sum of £50,000. If changes were made to the criteria for split site funding, these could be applied from the 2021-22 financial year.

5.4 The table below shows the split site funding allocation for 2020-21.

**Table 3: Split Site Funding Allocations in 2020/21**

	Lump Sum	Number on Roll	Per Pupil Funding (£113.7 per pupil)	Total split site funding
Alperton	151,847	1,355	154,064	305,911
Islamia	50,000	421	47,868	97,868
KHS	151,847	1,657	188,401	340,248
Leopold	151,847	749	85,161	237,008
Roe Green Infants	151,847	452	51,392	203,239
<b>Total Split Site Funding</b>				<b>1,184,274</b>

## 6. Financial Implications

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

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1. There are no legal implications for this report.

## **8. Equality Implications**

8.1. Not applicable.

## **9. Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**

9.1. Not applicable.

## **10. Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)**

10.1. Not applicable.

### **Report sign off:**

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