

### **Proposals for changes to the School Funding Formula 2012-13**

In order to create a simpler and more transparent funding formula in preparation for government changes which may be implemented as early as 2013, we are consulting all schools on the following of changes. Please study the proposals and respond using the response form which is available on the website.

Please send your completed response form to

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We hope that responses will include the views of all stakeholders but please send only one response form per school. The consultation closes on 10 November and the results will be presented to the Schools Forum in December.

Thank you for your help with this consultation.

No.	Proposal	Details	Impact on schools
1	Absorb the funding for Secondary LSUs into the secondary Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) funding	Funding for secondary Learning Support Units (LSUs) is delegated to all secondary schools on the basis of pupil numbers funded at a standard rate of £12.82 per pupil. We propose that the secondary AWPU would be increased by same amount and there would be no need for a separate funding element for LSUs. Funding for the Primary LSU would be unchanged.	None
2	Absorb the 'Pitch Rental' funding into the basic entitlement of all mainstream schools.	Secondary pitch rental funding is currently provided to 13 out of 20 mainstream secondary schools and academies at a rate of £6001. Those that for historical reasons do not receive the funding are: Ashmole, Christ's College Finchley, East Barnet, Hendon, JCOSS, Queen Elizabeth's (Boys) and Totteridge Academy. The proposal is to provide this funding to all schools via the basic entitlement.	An increase of £6000 for each secondary school not currently funded – total £78,000 which would reduce the amount available for other elements (e.g. AWPU) by the same amount. All but one of these schools is or will be an academy, but under the current recoupment method the change will still affect the Barnet Schools Budget.
3.	Absorb the special school per pupil capitation funding into the place funding rate.	All special schools receive £29.18 per pupil for general resources. Pupil numbers and place numbers are nearly the same so absorbing the Capitation rate into the place rate would simplify the formula but have little effect on total funding.	Almost none. Special schools with vacant places at the January census would gain £29 per place and those over number would lose £29 per pupil.
4.	Absorb the special school examination fee funding into the	Oak Lodge school receives a contribution towards examination fees at a rate of	This only applies to Oak Lodge. In 2011/12, the school received £5245

	place funding rate.	£131.13 per pupil for 24% of its pupils (40). We propose to absorb this into the place rate in the same way as capitation above.	for examination fees. In the new scheme they would receive the same, but in the place funding.	
5	Absorb the VA/Foundation allowance into the basic entitlement for all schools	The VA/Foundation is an historical lump sum predating pan-London admissions systems. It is £274 for primaries and £2732 for secondaries, totalling £43,000 for all schools. Academies which were Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools continue to receive it but those academies which were community schools would not. Rather than adjust the formula for academies, we propose to add the allowance into the primary and secondary basic entitlement for all schools. This would then benefit all schools and academies equally.	VA and Foundation schools would see no change in their lump sum funding. Those which are community schools (or were before academy conversion) would receive £274 (primary) or £2732 (secondary) more. The total extra cost of community schools and ex-community academies would be £35,000 which would slightly reduce the amount available for other elements (e.g. AWPU).	
6	Absorb the Sports Pitch allowance into the basic entitlement for all schools.	Every Barnet school apart from 4 secondaries (St Michael's, St Mary's High, Friern Barnet and Henrietta Barnett) receives funding towards maintaining sports pitches or play equipment. We propose to move this to the appropriate basic entitlement by adding £840 for nurseries, primaries and special schools and £1200 for secondaries (including secondary academies).	No impact apart from the 4 schools listed which would gain £1200. The total extra cost would be £4800 which would slightly reduce the amount available for other funding elements (e.g. AWPU).	
7	Simplify the former Standards Funds, absorbing them into the existing funding formula as far as possible	In 2011/12 the nearly £31m was distributed to schools in place of the following 10 former Standards Funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Development Grant (including</li> </ul>	The aim is to minimise the impact on all schools but because the formulae are simplified and the measures changed, perfect replication is not	

		<p>EIC, ASTs, specialist schools, etc) (SDG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Standards Grant (SSG)</li> <li>• School Standards Grant (Personalisation)(SSGP)</li> <li>• Ethnic Minority Achievement</li> <li>• School Lunch Grant</li> <li>• Extended Services</li> <li>• Extended Schools Subsidy (Activity Support Fund)</li> <li>• Primary Strategy</li> <li>• Secondary Strategy</li> <li>• London Pay Addition</li> <li>• 1-2-1 Tuition</li> </ul> <p>Each of these grants has its own formula devised over recent years either by Barnet or the government. In 2011/12 these methods were replicated in the school funding formula.</p> <p>In the new scheme the total amount for the former Standards Funds would be calculated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lump sum added to the Basic Entitlement</li> <li>• An amount per pupil added to some or all age weighted pupil unit rates</li> <li>• Amounts for</li> </ul>	<p>possible. If there are large changes transitional support would need to be provided in 2012/13, although the minimum funding guarantee may provide enough protection.</p>	
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	<b>Former Standards Fund</b>	<b>2011/12 formula</b>	<b>2012/13 proposed formula</b>
SDG	School Development Grant (excluding ASTs, EIC, Specialism and LIG) Total in 2011/12 = £5.42m	The SDG is an amalgamation of historical grants and amounts per pupil varies from £80-140 per pupil.	AWPU funding for all age groups plus a free school meals factor. Also a lump sum for special and Post LIG schools. Some schools will need substantial transitional adjustments to reduce turbulence.
ASTs	Advanced Skills Teachers (applies to all schools) Total in 2011/12 = £713,000	£15,500 per AST appointed in conjunction with Barnet.	No change
EIC	Excellence in Clusters Total in 2011/12 = £1.97m	An historical allocation for each school. We are currently in a transition period with new joiners building up their funding and leavers' funding trailing off over a 3 year period.	No change
Spec	Specialist Schools Total in 2011/12 = £3.14m	All secondary schools (mainstream, academy and specials) are designated specialist schools. Some have two specialisms. The first specialism attracts £129 per pupil but with thresholds for different sizes of school. Second specialisms attract £60,000 or £90,000 extra	£129 added to the secondary AWPU's and a lump sum added to the basic entitlement for secondary mainstream and special schools.
LIG	Post LiG Total in 2011/12 = £4,123.	East Barnet received £4123 in 2011/12, and they are the only school	Remove this funding element but ensure that the minimum funding guarantee or

		to receive the funding.	transitional arrangements protect East Barnet.
LIG dep	Post LiG deprivation Total in 2011/12 = £943,584	Seven secondary schools receive an amount between £115,000 and £150,000, calculated on free school meals.	For these seven schools provide a lump sum plus an amount per pupil eligible for free school meals.
SSG	School Standards Grant Total in 2011/12 = £7.83m	Schools receive the maximum of a) the amount they received last year (adjusted for pupil numbers) or b) £12000 + £120 per pupil	Increase the basic entitlement for all schools and as well as the AWPU for all age groups.
SSG(P)	School Standards Grant (Personalisation) Total in 2011/12 = £2.16m	Schools receive the total of a) An amount per pupil b) An amount per child eligible for free school meals c) An amount based on low prior attainment	Replace with a similar formula based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil numbers</li> <li>• Free school meals</li> <li>• Low attainment</li> </ul>
EMAG	Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant (applies to all schools) Total in 2011/12 = £2.8m	Each school has a score for EMA and for EAL calculated from census data. There a different rates for the 4 sectors (Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Special). EMA = EMARate * EMA score EAL = EALrate * EAL score EMAG = EMA+EAL Only schools with a	No change except that EMA and EAL funding will be reported separately.

		total score per pupil greater than 0.2 trigger funding.	
SLG	School Lunch Grant (1.2) (available to all schools offering hot meals to pupils) Total in 2011/12 = £513,579	Lump sum (£1000 for primaries & secondaries, £2000 for specials, £500 for PRUs) + £5.92 per pupil (Reception to Year 14) + £3.37 per pupil (Reception to Year 14 for schools without a recently refurbished kitchen.	Increase the free entitlement for each sector to match the lump sums and increase the AWPUs for all ages.  No distinction will be made between schools with or without refurbished kitchens.
ES	Extended Schools Sustainability (1.6) Total in 2011/12 = £600,000	£14.79 per pupil in Reception to Year 11	Increase the AWPUs for all age groups.
ASF	Extended Schools Subsidy (Activity Support Fund) (1.6a) Total in 2011/12 = £856,016	£102.51 per pupil eligible for free school meals but with a minimum of £1000 per school.	Continue to distribute via free school meals.
PS	Primary Strategy (1.7) (applies to all schools with KS1 & KS2 pupils) Total in 2011/12 = £1.01m	Primary schools are funded as the sum of: a) £7.80 per pupil in reception to Year 6 b) £8.20 per nursery pupil c) £7.47 per pupil in Key Stage 2 d) £619 per pupil not making expected progress e) £15,900 per school in the Every Child Counts group	Replace with a similar formula based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil numbers</li> <li>• Low attainment</li> <li>• A lump sum for Every Child Counts schools.</li> </ul>



SS	Secondary Strategy (1.8) (applies to all schools with KS3 and/or KS4 pupils) Total in 2011/12 = £408,376	£2713 for all secondaries plus a) £14,000 to the 5 secondaries in the lowest quartile of attainment b) £238 per pupil not achieving the expected grades	Increase the secondary basic entitlement and fund low prior attainment (as in the SSG(P) . As the 5 schools in the lowest quartile are all part of the Post LiG group, £14,000 will be added to the lump sum for Post LiG
121	1-2-1 Tuition (1.5) (applies to all mainstream schools with KS2 or KS3 pupils) Total in 2011/12 = £1.42m	£4965 lump sum plus a primary or secondary rate times the 3 yr average of pupils not making the expected progress at the school.	Replace with a lump sum plus an amount for low attainment
LPA	London Pay Addition (applies to all schools) Total in 2011/12 = £1.14m	£24.07 per pupil on roll (including 6 <sup>th</sup> form)	Increase the AWPU for all.

Unlike the budget shares, many of the Standards Funds were directed at nursery children and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students. This meant that nursery classes and schools are funded more favourably than private early years providers, and that there was inconsistency between the ways 6<sup>th</sup> forms were funded. In 2011/12, the former standards funds were mainstreamed into the DSG, and although 6<sup>th</sup> form students are not counted for calculation of the DSG, the guaranteed rate per pupil was higher to take account of this.

The changes listed above are the first step towards a simpler, more transparent funding formula in line with government expectations. As national plans become clearer, further changes will need to be made, and the absorption of the standards funds into the Single Early Years Funding Formula is an issue which will need to be addressed.