

Commentary on Original Funding Allocations to Barnet Schools

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Introduction

All Barnet schools can now download their initial funding allocations for the financial year April 2014 to March 2015 from the funding and finance web pages at www.barnet.gov.uk/school-funding. For the first time the pupil referral units are included.

These allocations are laid out a little differently from the 2013/14 funding sheets. You start on the **Home** page to choose the school you want to look at, and then use the buttons to move between sheets. You can also use the tabs at the bottom of your screen.

The **Home** page gives a summary of funding by Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) code but for full details go to the **SchoolReport**. There are also a number of sub-reports giving more details of specific funding areas, as well as an **AllSchools** report by CFR code and a **BarnetReport** which lays out the total funds distributed so far.

Budget Shares

The main formula funding (budget share) allocations for mainstream maintained schools will not change unless there is an adjustment for NNDR. Mainstream recouped academies can also see what has been calculated for them, and what will therefore be recouped from Barnet, but as funding is provided to academies on an academic basis it is only a guide to what they will actually receive.

Budget shares are based on data collected by the DfE at the autumn 2013 census. Barnet is required to use the data the DfE feeds back to us, especially indicators of deprivation (FSM6, IDACI, Mobility, and EAL)

The same funding formula is being used in 2014/15 as 2013/14 with the following exceptions

1. The AWPU has been increased by £23 per pupil for 2014/15 only. This extra money derives from the underspend in 2012/13 and will not be included in the 2015/16 AWPU. The total extra per school is shown in the footnote of the **SchoolReport**.
2. Mobility is only funded above 10%
3. The cap on any school gaining more per pupil from the formula than in 2013/14 has been reduced from 1.5% to 0.5%. The minimum funding guarantee remains at -1.5%. More details for each school are on the **MFG** sheet.

De-delegation

Dedelegation only applies to maintained schools and represents the amounts taken back from the budget share to continue to provide central services for Narrowing the Gap, Salary Safeguarding and Trade Union Facilities and Behaviour Support (primary schools only). There are traded services for other schools which wish to buy into these services. Schools should record their total budget share as income (I01) and de-delegation as expenditure on E10 or E27.

High Needs

High needs top-up funding is under review this year, but at present we are providing estimates for schools based on the status quo.

Statement funding is an initial estimate based on the children with statements of SEN funded in the spring term 2014. There will be termly adjustments to this. A list of the statements can be found on the tab **StmntTopups**. For the first time, the London and Wren academies and free schools will be paid statement funding via autopayments in the same way as recouped academies

Special school and **ARP** funding is provided at £10,000 per place reported to the DfE in December 13, plus estimated top-ups for Barnet children based on those on roll in Spring 14. More details can be found on the **HighNeeds** and **Othertopups** tabs. The top-ups will be adjusted termly for actual pupils on roll in the same way that we update statements. For the first time, the London Academy will be paid ARP funding via autopayments in the same way as other academies.

PRU funding is provided at £8000 per place reported to the DfE in December 13 plus top-ups which can be adjusted during the year.

Top-ups for non-Barnet pupils with statements or at ARPs, special schools and PRUs are provided by the child's home local authority. Schools should contact the relevant LA for funding for these pupils.

Pupil Premium

Rates have risen for 2014/15. At present we are providing only estimates for the Free Schools Meals Pupil Premium and for Service children. These will be updated during the year as more accurate allocations are received from the DfE. The looked after children/adoptee pupil premium will be allocated on a termly basis with data from the Barnet Virtual School.

Early Years

Funding for 2 year olds is not included on the funding sheets.

We have provided initial estimates for the free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds based on historical data. As usual, termly adjustments will be made based on each census.

Please note that for 2014/15 only the hourly rate has risen by 2p from £3.74 to £3.76 to provide a share of the 2012/13 underspend explained under Budget Shares above.

Devolved Formula Capital

Initial estimates of DFC for maintained schools are shown on the **SchoolReport** based on the formula announced by the DfE recently. Like the Pupil Premium, these amounts will be adjusted once we receive actual allocations from the government.

Growth

Growth funding has been provided for schools where expansions to meet basis need have been confirmed. Adjustments will be made later for primary bulge classes agreed for September 2014.

PE grant

The PE grant was made over an academic year. Schools received a proportion of this in the 2013/14 financial year, and the remainder is shown on the 2014/15 funding sheets.

Post 16 Learner funding

We have not yet received notification of allocations for the 2014/15 academic year for sixth forms in maintained mainstream and special schools. We have therefore left this area blank until we have more details.

2013/14 Final Adjustments

At present only the original 2013/14 school allocations are shown on **Home** and **SchoolReport** sheets. Once 2013/14 is finalised this will be updated.

Queries

These funding sheets have been calculated and produced by the School Funding team. If you have any queries, please contact us at schoolfunding@barnet.gov.uk .

If you wish to discuss the numbers of places funded at special schools or ARPs please contact the Barnet SEN team lead by Penny Richardson.

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