

8a) DfE announcements and 2018/19 NFF proposals

Introduction

The move towards a National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools and High Needs continues with the publication by the DfE of their response to the second stage consultation and NFF for Schools and High Needs (HN) policy document.

Timescales

12 October 2017	Schools Forum approval for local consultation proposals
16 October 2017 – 17 November 2017	Consultation with all schools and stakeholders
22 November 2017	Complete analysis of consultation responses
23 November 2017	Publish agenda & papers for Schools Forum December meeting
7 December 2017	Schools Forum receives report on consultation responses
18 December 2017	2018/19 DSG block allocations due October 2017 census data due APT received for 2018/19
December/ January 2018	Report to officers and councillors on formula funding proposals
19 January 2018	Submit 2018/19 APT to DfE
21 February 2018	Release 2018/19 School Budget shares

a) 2018/19 Headline figures – INCOME

	2017/18 £m (re-baselined)	**2018/19 £m	Change £m	%age change
Schools Block (incl Growth)	241.888	243.831	1.943	+0.8%
HN Block	46.869	47.830	.961	+2.05%
Central	2.050	2.090	.040	+1.96%
TOTAL	£290.807	£293.751	2.944	+1.01%

**** (The 2018/19 indicative allocations are based on 2016 pupil census numbers and will be revised when October 2017 census data is available).**

The Provisional 2018/19 Schools Block Income is based on the following rates:

- a. £4,391 Primary unit of funding/29,723 primary pupil nos. (Oct.16 census)
- b. £5,700 Secondary unit of funding/ 19311 secondary pupil nos. (Oct.16 census)
- c. £3.257m funding for Growth, Premises and Mobility - historic spend/ not Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) adjusted.
- d. **TOTAL = £243.831m**

These are the provisional amounts notified to the council this month by the Education and Skills Funding Agency

b) Schools Block - EXPENDITURE

Operational requirements:

Schools Forum agreement is needed to transfer any funding out of the schools block into the High Needs block.

Other blocks not subject to limits on transfers (other than EY block pass through requirement)

LAs encouraged to seek Schools Forum approval for any other block transfers

NB. Pupil Premium Plus (PPLAC) – now being moved outside the NFF into the pupil premium budget. As a result, this will increase PPLAC rate to £2,300 (from £1,900 in 2017/18). This factor has not been used in Barnet's local formula historically.

- For 2018/19, minimum level of Primary per pupil funding £3,300/ minimum level of Secondary per pupil funding £4,600 under NFF proposals (Barnet is not affected as per pupil funding already exceeds these amounts for all schools).
- Minimum 0.5% per pupil cash increase at school level in 2018/19
- Minimum per pupil funding and rates, split site and growth allocations are not included in the Area Cost Adjustment calculation (hybrid ACA)
- Actual ACA multiplier used will be published in the NFF technical note shortly

c) Schools likely to gain:

Lowest funded schools nationally

Schools with high numbers of pupils with low prior attainment

Schools with pupils from above average levels of deprivation (home postcode)

Rural schools

d) Schools likely to see lower gains:

Urban schools where underlying levels of deprivation are improving
 Schools with lower than average deprivation data (FSM, FSM6 and IDACI)
 Schools adversely affected by the change from general labour market (GLM) area cost calculation (ACA) to hybrid ACA

e) Summary of 2018/19 NFF factors and rates and comparison with Barnet 2017/18 (non ACA adjusted).

Funding area	Optional/ Compulsory in 2017/18	Measure	Barnet 2017/18 rates £		2018/19 NFF rates £	
			Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Basic Entitlement (AWPU)	Compulsory	Pupils on roll** (NOR)	3,325.75	4,782.86	2,747	KS3 – 3,863
						KS4 – 4,386
		FSM	Not used		440	440
		FSM6	1,423.56	505.00	540	785
		IDACI Band A	4,000.00	9,952.00	575	810
Deprivation	Compulsory	IDACI Band B	2,100.00	5,224.80	420	600
		IDACI Band C	880.00	2,189.44	390	560
		IDACI Band D	0	0	360	515
		IDACI Band E	0	0	240	390
		IDACI Band F	0	0	200	290
Prior Attainment English as an additional language (EAL)	Optional		Not used		1,050	1,550
	Optional	EAL2	530.00	1,378.00	515	1,385

Mobility	Optional	Pupils not starting school in August or September (minimum threshold of 10%)	422.90	618.53	Based on historic spend
Sparsity	Optional		Not used	25,000	65,000
Lump sum	Optional		122,000 (all phases)	110,000 (all phases)	
Split sites	Optional	Where approved	Various	Various – as 2017/18	
Rates (NNDR)	Optional	Current bill	Actual cost	Actual cost	

f) High Needs block – INCOME

Provisional 2018/19 HN Block Income calculated as follows:

£44.753m - Actual HN NFF allocation

£2.668m - based on a £4,446 per pupil ACA weighted base rate * 600 (pupils in special schools/ academies Oct 16 census)

£0.408m - Import/export adjustment £6,000 * 68 (net imported) pupils

TOTAL = £47.830m

Initial proposals included 0% funding floor protecting local authorities from reductions in their HN block, meaning no LA will receive less than their re-baselined spend in 2017/18

Final proposals ensure an uplift of 0.5% to the funding floor over 2017/18 HN spending baseline to reflect similar increase in Schools Block allocations

The final import/ export adjustment (68 imported pupils in Barnet) data will be amended to reflect January 2018 special school census data and the February R06 ILR data. This will mean the December 2017 HN block allocation will be provisional
Continuing review of distribution of hospital education funding, consultation on new proposals to follow in due course

LAs will be able to transfer up to 0.5% of Schools Block funding into HN if required, with the agreement of Schools Forum (justification required linked to review and development of the local offer).

g) Central Block - INCOME

Provisional 2018/19 CSSB income calculated as shown below:

£1.626m – NFF allocation for ongoing responsibilities (former ESG), per pupil allocation

£0.464m – Historic commitments allocation

TOTAL = £2.089m

- Ongoing responsibilities within the CSSB will be funded using a per-pupil factor (90%) and 10% according to a deprivation factor
- Both the above will be adjusted for area costs
- Funding for historic commitments will continue but with the expectation that these will reduce over time
- Historic commitment spend shown on Section 251 will be challenged where spend is not reducing
- No new commitments will be allowed
- There will not be protection for historic commitments in the CSSB
- Gains in the ongoing responsibilities element of the CSSB of up to 2.5% per pupil have been allowed