

BRIEFING PAPER FOR SCHOOLS FORUM

1.	Date of meeting:	27th April 2018
2.	Title:	2018/2019 School Budgets
3.	Directorate:	Finance and Customer Services

1. Background

1.1 Following the outcome of the consultation on the Schools Block and the National Funding Formula (NFF) consultation held with all schools in November 2017 and the decision of the Secretary of State not to approve the LA's disapplication request to transfer 1.3% of funding from the School's Block to the High Needs Block Table 1 below confirms the distribution of the final 2018/2019 Schools Block allocation of £187,107,308.

Table 1

Schools Block 2018/2019	
Individual School Budgets	£185,639,995
Pupil Growth fund	£530,490
0.5% transfer to High Needs	£936,823
TOTAL	£187,107,308

Provisional 2018/2019 Schools Block published last year indicated a gain of £2.3 million on a 2017/2018 baseline of £182.5m (+1.3%) following the introduction of the NFF..

The actual allocation of £187.1m (£4.6m gain equating to a 2.5% increase) was due to the NFF and a year on year pupil number increase of 519.

1.2 The Individual School Budgets (ISB) have been calculated by the factors and values indicated in Table 2

Table 2

2018/2019 Rotherham Local Funding Formula		
Factors	Primary	Secondary
AWPU Primary	£3,037.00	
AWPU KS3		£4,690.00
AWPU KS4		£4,883.00
Dep Ever 6	£540.00	£785.00
Dep FSM	£220.00	£220.00
IDACI Band A	£195.00	£270.00
IDACI Band B	£140.00	£200.00
IDACI Band C	£130.00	£187.00
IDACI Band D	£120.00	£172.00
IDACI Band E	£80.00	£130.00
IDACI Band F	£67.00	£97.00
LPA	£457.00	£716.50
EAL 3	£515.00	£1,385.00
Lump sum	£117,000.00	£117,000.00
Mobility	£500.00	£1,250.00

Applying the above factors and values in 2018/2019 has resulted in a significant impact on the distribution of funding compared to 2017/2018 – Table 3 refers.

Table 3

Individual School Budgets	2017/2018	2018/2019
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	83.29%	79.74%
% Additional Needs	6.47%	10.38%
% Premises	10.24%	9.88%
Primary: Secondary ratio	1:142	1:140

2. Proposal for 2019/2020 Budgets

2.1 The operational responsibility for the funding formula will remain with Rotherham for 2019/2020 . At April 2020 the responsibility will pass to the Government through the NFF.

Looking ahead to the 2019/2020 financial year and the calculation of school budget shares the LA will be consulting with all schools on the proposal to continue the transition to the NFF.

Table 4 sets out the proposed NFF factors and values published by the DfE:

Table 5 is the 2018/2019 distribution of funding (as shown in Table 3) compared to the NFF distribution

Table 4.

National Funding Formula (NFF)		
Factors	Primary	Secondary
AWPU Primary	£2,746.99	
AWPU KS3		£3,865.65
AWPU KS4		£4,385.81
Dep Ever 6	£540.00	£785.00
Dep FSM	£440.00	£440.00
IDACI Band A	£575.00	£810.00
IDACI Band B	£420.00	£600.00
IDACI Band C	£390.00	£560.00
IDACI Band D	£360.00	£515.00
IDACI Band E	£240.00	£390.00
IDACI Band F	£200.00	£290.00
LPA	£1,050.00	£1,550.00
EAL 3	£515.00	£1,385.00
Lump sum	£110,000.00	£110,000.00

Table 5

Individual School Budgets	2018/2019	NFF
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement	79.74%	72.90%
% Additional Needs	10.38%	17.80%
% Premises	9.88%	9.30%

Primary: Secondary ratio	1:140	1:129
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The Government has kept the national average primary to secondary ratio of 1:129 in the NFF (funding per pupil is on average 29% higher overall in the secondary phase than in the primary phase).

3. Key actions and relevant timelines

Summer 2018:

- DfE guidance published for 2019/2020

Autumn 2018:

- Discuss and agree funding formula proposals with Finance sub-group
- Consult with all schools

January 2019

- Submit 2019/2020 budgets to DfE

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