

2020/2021 Prior Attainment formula factor

Primary pupils identified as not achieving the expected level of development in the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP)

Secondary pupils not reaching the expected standard in KS2 at either reading or writing or maths

Since 2017 to 2018, the DfE have weighted the low prior attainment factor for some secondary year groups so that those who have sat the more challenging KS2 tests introduced in the 2015 to 2016 academic year do not have a disproportionate influence within the total for the prior attainment factor in the mainstream formula.

In 2020 to 2021, the weightings used in 2019 to 2020 for the year 7 to year 9 cohorts have been carried forward, so they will apply to the year 8 to year 10 cohorts respectively.

For the financial year 2020 to 2021, the weightings are:

- pupils in year 8 in October 2019: 64%
- pupils in year 9 in October 2019: 58%
- pupils in year 10 in October 2019: 48%

This is included under Schedule 3, paragraph 4 of the 2020 Regulations.

A national weighting of 65% should be used for those who are year 7 in the academic year 2019 to 2020.

The DfE have calculated this weighting in the same way, by scaling back the proportion of year 7 pupils identified as having low prior attainment (LPA) to a level commensurate with the number of secondary-age pupils identified as LPA in October 2015; before the new, more challenging, KS2 test was introduced.

The weightings will operate in the same way as 2019/2020; the number of pupils identified as having LPA in the data will be multiplied by the relevant weighting to determine the number of pupils eligible for the factor for funding purposes.

Local authorities will not be able to change the weighting, but will be able to adjust their secondary LPA unit value as in previous years. This will enable local authorities, in most cases, to maintain their LPA factor at previous levels without significant turbulence.

LPA funding will be allocated to all pupils identified as not reaching the expected standard at the previous phase, regardless of their year group. It does not only apply to those pupils in their first year of schooling.

As with current funding arrangements, pupils who have not undertaken the assessment are given the overall average attainment score of their year group, so are taken into account when calculating a school's LPA rate

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Description	Weighting	Amount per pupil (primary or secondary respectively)	Percentage of eligible pupils	Eligible proportion of primary and secondary NOR respectively	Sub Total
Primary Low Attainment		£800.00	29.87%	6,890.44	£5,512,353
Secondary low attainment (year 7)	64.53%	£1,050.00	24.21%	3,721.26	£3,907,326
Secondary low attainment (year 8)	63.59%		23.35%		
Secondary low attainment (year 9)	58.05%		22.26%		
Secondary low attainment (year 10)	48.02%		21.38%		
Secondary low attainment (year 11)			19.13%		

Provisional 2021/2022 LPA factor values are:

- Primary LPA £1,095
- Secondary LPA £1,660

Following the cancellation of assessments in summer 2020 due to COVID-19, local authorities will not be able to use this data as part of setting a low prior attainment factor in local funding formulae. Instead, local authorities will use 2019 assessment data as a proxy for the 2020 reception and year 6 cohort, which will be reflected in the data they receive from the department.