

School Funding Formula 2021-22

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The consultation ran from 22/10/2020 to 13/11/2020

Responses to this survey: **41**

1: Please provide your name, email address and the organisation you are responding on behalf of.

Enter your name, email and organisation here:

There were 41 responses to this part of the question.

2: Do you agree with your Schools Forum recommendation that the National Funding Formula continues to be used to allocate funding to school in 2021-22?

Question 1 Response

There were 41 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	41	100.00%
No	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Question 1 additional info

There were 3 responses to this part of the question:

“It allows us to project figures over the transition period. Reversing this decision now would cause a huge amount of work for schools who are working towards a three year plan and would cause us to have to spend hours re-budgeting and seeking further approval from governing bodies.”

Appendix 2 – Schools Funding Formula 2021-22 – Consultation Responses

“We need to be as near to the NFF as we can to enable schools to move smoothly when the NFF does eventually come into place.”

“I think there needs to be some movement on the MFG as the protection is just perpetuating some existing inequalities.”

3: Do you agree that, if there is any School Block funding remaining (up to a maximum of 0.5%) after allocating the school funding formula to schools using the NFF, it should be transferred to the High Needs Block?

Question 2 response

There were 41 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	30	73.17%
No	11	26.83%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Feel free to provide further information:

There were 6 responses to this part of the question:

“School budgets are too tight for any of the school block to be reallocated. We would be interested to know whether Academies have been asked to contribute a similar amount?”

“The current arrangements for SEND are not working at present, we have to fund the first 11 hours which is more than some areas of the country.”

“Insufficient information received with regards to this Block and current year funding for pupils should not be spent on a historical deficit. Has the original debt been cleared? Can we have access to the current plan where the initiatives are a work in progress and when it is likely to be completed?”

“There is not enough information provided to be able to answer yes to this question - is the deficit reducing? What measure are being taken to reduce the deficit, if any? Is the high needs budget sufficient for the need? Is the deficit predicted to continue growing? Why when schools are in deficit is it a major issue, yet this high needs budget has been allowed to increase to this level?”

“I believe that any remaining School Block funding should all be allocated to schools. Schools should not be penalised by past underfunding or mismanagement of the High Needs Block budget and lack of sufficient funding now.”

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“There needs to be a complete overhaul of the High Needs provision. The number of EHCPs is still rising dramatically but schools have very little capacity for proactive, early intervention because the funds are being swallowed by the EHCP children. The 'temporary' solution of schools funding the first 11 hours seems to have become permanent and the levels of top-up funding have not altered, in spite of significant increases in the costs of support staff.”