

**TITLE OF REPORT: Mainstream Schools Funding**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To bring to Schools Forum the amended Authority Proforma Tool (APT) for approval following the submission of Gateshead's Schools funding factors and values to the Department for Education (DfE) for approval of mainstream schools' individual school budgets for 2023/24.

**Background**

2. This report builds on reports to Schools Forum in January 2023.
3. Following the submission of the APT to the DfE several queries were raised. Many of these queries required confirmations of data in the APT. However, the rates adjustment on the APT (the difference between 2022/23 funding and the actual amount of rates paid by schools) had been added to the funding allocation when the DfE include this in a different part of the APT reconciliation. The result of this action is that funding was overstated by £61,908.72.
4. To rectify this error without amending any approved formula factors the Growth Fund in the APT has been reduced from £86,901.83 to £23,993.11. The updated APT Proforma is in appendix 1.

**Proposal**

5. It is proposed that Schools Forum approves the updated APT Proforma and the reduction of the Growth Fund to £23,993.11 as shown in appendix 1.

**Recommendations**

6. That Schools Forum approves the reduction of the Growth Fund to £23,993.11 to balance the APT to the funding available for mainstream schools.

For the following reasons: -

- To enable Gateshead mainstream schools funding to be calculated for 2023/24
- To enable the APT to be approved by the DfE

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# Appendix 1

## Local Authority Funding Reform Proforma

LA Name:	Gateshead
LA Number:	390

Primary minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS3 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary (KS4 only) minimum per pupil funding level	Secondary minimum per pupil funding level
£4,405.00	£5,503.00	£6,033.00	£5,715.00

Disapplication number where alternative MPPF values are used

### Pupil Led Factors

Description	Reception uplift		Pupil Units		Sub Total		Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)	
	No	Amount per pupil	Pupil Units	Sub Total	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)				
1) Basic Entitlement Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)				0.00						
Primary (Years R-6)		£3,369.00	14,428.00	£48,607,932			35.88%	5.00%		
Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)		£4,749.00	5,877.16	£27,910,633			20.60%	5.00%		
Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)		£5,353.00	3,610.00	£19,324,330			14.26%	5.00%		
							<b>£95,842,895</b>			
Description	Primary amount per pupil	Secondary amount per pupil	Eligible proportion of primary NOR	Eligible proportion of secondary NOR	Sub Total	Total	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Primary Notional SEN (%)	Secondary Notional SEN (%)	
2) Deprivation										
FSM	£480.00	£480.00	4,233.00	2,727.22	£3,340,905	<b>£15,578,502</b>	11.50%	23.00%	19.00%	
FSM6	£705.00	£1,030.00	4,358.00	3,036.82	£6,200,311			23.00%	19.00%	
IDACI Band F	£230.00	£335.00	1,621.86	1,079.09	£734,524			0.00%	0.00%	
IDACI Band E	£280.00	£445.00	2,654.63	1,682.50	£1,492,007			0.00%	0.00%	
IDACI Band D	£440.00	£620.00	1,214.57	800.18	£1,030,524			0.00%	0.00%	
IDACI Band C	£480.00	£680.00	850.59	609.76	£822,923			0.00%	0.00%	
IDACI Band B	£510.00	£730.00	912.06	579.41	£888,122			23.00%	19.00%	
IDACI Band A	£670.00	£930.00	867.86	524.43	£1,069,186	23.00%	19.00%			
4) English as an Additional Language (EAL)										
EAL 3 Primary	£580.00		986.52		£572,181	<b>£956,373</b>	0.61%	0.00%	0.00%	
EAL 3 Secondary		£1,565.00		162.81	£254,797					
5) Mobility										
Pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates	£945.00	£1,360.00	136.93	0.00	£129,395		0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	
6) Low prior attainment										
Primary low prior attainment		£1,155.00	28.22%	4,072.19	£4,703,379	<b>£8,024,421</b>	5.92%	100.00%		
Secondary low prior attainment (year 7)	54.47%		21.25%							
Secondary low prior attainment (year 8)	64.53%		20.46%							
Secondary low prior attainment (year 9)	64.53%	£1,750.00	20.02%	1,897.74	£3,321,042					100.00%
Secondary low prior attainment (year 10)	64.53%		20.39%							
Secondary low prior attainment (year 11)	63.59%		17.70%							

### Other Factors

Factor	Lump Sum per Primary School (£)	Lump Sum per Secondary School (£)	Lump Sum per Middle School (£)	Lump Sum per All-through School (£)	Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
7) Lump Sum	£128,000.00	£128,000.00			£9,728,000	7.18%	0.00%	0.00%	
8) Sparsity factor	£56,300.00	£81,900.00	£81,900.00	£81,900.00	£8,870	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	
Rows 45 to 48 are populated with the NFF methodology, please leave this as is if you wish to follow the NFF. As per the Operational Guidance, the distance thresholds can be increased or the year group size thresholds decreased and the distance threshold taper is optional. An alternative method of allocation to the NFF's average year group size taper can be chosen: the continuous taper (Tapered) or fixed sum (Fixed). Examples of each are provided in the Operational Guidance.									
Primary distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Primary pupil number average year group threshold	21.40	Apply primary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity primary lump sum?	NFF		
Secondary distance threshold (miles)	3.00	Secondary pupil number average year group threshold	120.00	Apply secondary distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity secondary lump sum?	NFF		
Middle schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	Middle school pupil number average year group threshold	69.20	Apply middle school distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity middle school lump sum?	NFF		
All-through schools distance threshold (miles)	2.00	All-through pupil number average year group threshold	62.50	Apply all-through distance taper	Yes	NFF, tapered or fixed sparsity all-through lump sum?	NFF		
9) Fringe Payments					£0	0.00%			
10) Split Sites					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
11) Rates					£1,579,150	1.17%	0.00%		
12) PFI funding					£3,178,475	2.35%	0.00%		
13) Exceptional circumstances (can only be used with prior agreement of ESFA)									
Circumstance					Total (£)	Proportion of total pre MFG funding (%)	Notional SEN (%)		
Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during FY22-23					£0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
Exceptional Circumstance3					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
Exceptional Circumstance4					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
Exceptional Circumstance5					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
Exceptional Circumstance6					£0	0.00%	0.00%		
Exceptional Circumstance7					£0	0.00%	0.00%		

<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding minimum per pupil funding level and MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£134,896,686</b>	<b>99.57%</b>	
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14) Additional funding to meet minimum per pupil funding level	£579,420	0.43%	0.00%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula (excluding MFG Funding Total)</b>	<b>£135,476,105</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

15) Minimum Funding Guarantee	0.50%	£314,328	
Where a value less than 0% or greater than 0.5% has been entered please provide the disapplication reference number authorising the value			
Apply capping and scaling factors? (gains may be capped above a specific ceiling and/or scaled)			
No			
Capping Factor (%)		Scaling Factor (%)	
Total deduction if capping and scaling factors are applied			
£0			
MFG Net Total Funding (MFG + deduction from capping and scaling)		Total (£)	Proportion of Total funding (%)
		£314,328	0.23%
<b>Total Funding for Schools Block Formula</b>		<b>£135,790,434</b>	<b>£15,247,319</b>
High Needs threshold (only fill in if, exceptionally, a high needs threshold different from £6,000 has been approved)			
		£0.00	
Additional funding from the high needs budget			
		£0.00	
Growth fund (if applicable)			
		£23,993.11	
Falling rolls fund (if applicable)			
		£0.00	
Other Adjustment to 22-23 Budget Shares			
		£0	
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding)</b>		<b>£135,814,427</b>	
% Distributed through Basic Entitlement		70.75%	
% Pupil Led Funding		88.87%	
Primary: Secondary Ratio		1 :	1.28

23-24 NFF NNDR allocation	£1,641,059
<b>Total Funding For Schools Block Formula (including growth and falling rolls funding) after deduction of 23-24 NFF NNDR allocation</b>	<b>£134,173,368</b>