

City of Wolverhampton Council

SCHOOLS' FORUM

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Summary

In July 2021, the Department for Education (DfE) published the National Funding Formula Provisional Allocations for the Schools Block, the High Needs Block and the Central Schools and Services Block for the 2022-2023 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The Early Years Block Provisional Allocation is expected to be published by the Department for Education in early December 2021, and a report will be received by Schools' Forum in February 2022 detailing the proposed budget for approval.

Decision

Members of Schools' Forum are asked to note the indicative allocations and the process for setting budgets funded by the DSG in 2022-2023.

1.0 Schools Block Allocation

- 1.1 For the financial year 2022-2023 it will remain the duty of Local Authorities to set a local funding formula, in consultation with their Schools' forum, to determine the allocation of funding from the School's Block of the DSG to schools in the City. Central government has recently restated its intention to move to a National Funding formula (NFF) and already uses this formula to determine the funding allocated at an area level.
- 1.2 At the January 2020 meeting of Schools' Forum, members voted to fully adopt all factors of the NFF.
- 1.3 The City of Wolverhampton's 2022-2023 modelling Authority Proforma Tool (APT) was made available by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in September 2021 to allow the Authority to calculate its Schools Block requirement for 2022-2023.
- 1.4 The Council has been notified of an **indicative** Schools Block National Funding Formula allocation of £229,424,794 for 2022-2023 and the APT modelling tool indicates that it will be affordable to implement full NFF factors with the recommended Minimum Funding Guarantee of 2% and no capping factor by utilising an element of the funding allocated for the growth fund, in line with previous years.
- 1.5 The actual DSG allocation is expected to be published in the third week in December 2021 in line with previous years. This will be based on October 2021 census data. It is assumed that this will provide sufficient funding to implement the NFF as planned however, should this not be affordable within the allocation, then the Authority may have to present a range of options to ensure its affordability and consult with schools upon the available options.
- 1.6 If there is a requirement to consult following the official DSG Allocation, then it would be the intention of the Authority to consult with schools in early January 2022 via an online survey and present the results and options to forum at the January 2022 meeting. Schools' forum will be asked to recommend the funding formula to Cabinet at the January meeting, and the final budgets will be published and presented to Schools' Forum at the February 2022 meeting.
- 1.7 The uplifted National Funding Formula factors for 2022-2023 are shown as Appendix 1 and a comparison of the funding per school for 2022-2023 and 2021-2022 is shown as Appendix 2. It must be noted that this is based on the ESFA's current APT model which uses census data from October 2020.
- 1.8 A consultation on school improvement funding has recently taken place which may further affect the de-delegation calculations on the APT. More information on the proposed timescales and outcomes of the consultation can be found in section 5 of this report.
- 1.9 There has also been a change in the treatment of business rates in 2022-2023. The ESFA have stated that the treatment of rates was not yet finalised when the modelling version of the APT was issued so they are currently shown in the APT allocation, although these will be taken out in the final APT to be issued later this month. There will be no material effect to schools as they won't be liable for paying the rates.

2.0 High Needs Block Provisional Allocation

- 2.1 The total High Needs Block provisional settlement for the City of Wolverhampton Council for 2022-2023 was published in July 2021 is £50,426,416, which is a provisional increase of £3,906,094 when comparing to the allocation for 2021-2022. Work has begun to determine a 2022-2023 High Needs Block budget, in conjunction with the Schools' Forum High Needs Sub-Group, and the final budget will be presented to Forum for approval at the February 2022 meeting.
- 2.2 After academies recoupment, the allocation to the Council is £45,126,084 as shown in the table below.

Breakdown of High Needs Block Allocation for 2022-2023		NFF Provisional Allocation 2022-2023 (£)
High Needs Block Provisional Allocation		50,426,416
Deduct Academies Recoupment		(5,300,332)
High Needs Block DSG Allocation following recoupment		45,126,084
Deduct overspend from previous year		0
Total DSG Allocation after recoupment and previous year overspend		45,126,084

3.0 Central School Services Block Allocation

- 3.1 The Central School Services Block (CSSB) provisional settlement for the City of Wolverhampton Council for 2022-2023 published in July 2021 is £1,994,191, which is a provisional decrease of £99,148 when comparing to the allocation for 2021-2022. A report will be presented to School's Forum at the February meeting with a proposed CSSB budget to agree.

4.0 Growth Fund

- 4.1 The required budget for growth funding in 2022-2023 has been estimated to be £2.4 million. The Council will be notified of the DSG allocation in December 2021 and this will be discussed with forum at the January 2022 meeting.

5.0 School Improvement Funding Reform Consultation

- 5.1 The DfE launched an online consultation on 29 October 2021 to Local Authorities to consult on two proposals, with the closing deadline for submission being 26 November 2021.
- 5.2 The Council submitted a response within this timeframe and the Government's response to the consultation will be published via the following link in December 2021 / early January 2022.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=department-for-education&publication_filter_option=consultations

- 5.3 The first proposal is to remove the School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant in 2022-2023 which is currently allocated to local authorities to support school improvement activities.
- 5.4 The second proposal is to make provisions within the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations in 2022-23 to allow local authorities to fund all of their school improvement activity (including all core school improvement activities) via de-delegation from schools' budget shares.
- 5.5 The consultation is proposing to provide Local Authorities with the power to charge school improvement activity through de-delegation and we are therefore seeking the approval of Schools' Forum to charge via de-delegation.
- 5.6 The Secretary of State will still retain the power to approve the de-delegation changes.
- 5.7 The Council is awaiting the outcome of the consultation prior to any changes being made to de-delegation in the APT.

City of Wolverhampton National Funding Formula factors for 2022-2023

Funding Factor			National Funding Formula 2022-2023	CWC recommended rates 2022-2023 (with Area Cost Adjustments)	National Funding Formula 2021-2022	CWC recommended rates 2021-2022 (with Area Cost Adjustment)
Basic entitlement	Age-Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)	Primary	3,217.00	3,227.87	3,123.00	3,133.52
		Secondary: KS3	4,536.00	4,551.33	4,404.00	4,418.84
		Secondary: KS4	5,112.00	5,129.28	4,963.00	4,979.73
Needs Led Factors						
Deprivation Through a combination of FSM and IDACI Bands	Free School Meals	Primary FSM	470.00	471.59	460.00	461.55
		Secondary FSM	470.00	471.59	460.00	461.55
		Ever6 FSM: Primary	590.00	591.99	575.00	576.94
		Ever6 FSM: Secondary	865.00	867.92	840.00	842.83
	IDACI Band F	Primary	220.00	220.74	215.00	215.72
		Secondary	320.00	321.08	310.00	311.04
	IDACI Band E	Primary	270.00	270.91	260.00	260.88
		Secondary	425.00	426.44	415.00	416.40
	IDACI Band D	Primary	420.00	421.42	410.00	411.38
		Secondary	595.00	597.01	580.00	581.95
	IDACI Band C	Primary	460.00	461.55	445.00	446.50
		Secondary	650.00	652.20	630.00	632.12
	IDACI Band B	Primary	490.00	491.66	475.00	476.60
		Secondary	700.00	702.37	680.00	682.29
	IDACI Band A	Primary	640.00	642.16	620.00	622.09
		Secondary	890.00	893.01	865.00	867.92

Funding Factor			National Funding Formula 2022-2023	CWC recommended rates 2022-2023 (with Area Cost Adjustments)	National Funding Formula 2021-2022	CWC recommended rates 2021-2022 (with Area Cost Adjustment)
Low Prior Attainment		Primary	1,130.00	1,133.82	1,095.00	1,098.69
		Secondary	1,710.00	1,715.78	1,660.00	1,665.59
English As an Additional Language (EAL)	Pupils with a first language other than English attract funding for up to 3 years	Primary	565.00	566.91	550.00	551.85
		Secondary	1,530.00	1,535.17	1,485.00	1,490.00
Pupil Mobility	Counts pupils entering a school during the last 3 academic years but did not start in August or September)	Primary	925.00	928.13	900.00	903.03
		Secondary	1,330.00	1,334.50	1,290.00	1,294.35
School/ Premises Led Factors						
Sparsity	Schools located in areas where pupils have to travel; or small schools	Primary		-		
		Secondary		-		
Lump Sum		Primary	121,300.00	121,709.99	117,800.00	118,196.99
		Secondary	121,300.00	121,709.99	117,800.00	118,196.99

Appendix 2

Indicative Funding per School 2022-2023 and comparison with allocations for 2021-2022

School Name	Phase	2022-23 Pupil Numbers (Based on Census data from October 2020)	NFF per pupil funding used for the minimum per pupil funding calculation 2022-23	Indicative NFF funding for 2022-23	NFF funding for 2021-22
Bantock Primary School	Primary	369.0	£5,527	£2,039,554	£2,077,791
Berrybrook Primary School	Primary	204.0	£5,433	£1,108,315	£1,106,435
Bilston Church of England Primary School	Primary	421.0	£5,126	£2,157,862	£2,095,458
Bushbury Hill Primary School	Primary	281.0	£5,423	£1,523,873	£1,447,365
Bushbury Lane Academy	Primary	185.0	£5,659	£1,046,828	£1,046,429
Castlecroft Primary School	Primary	216.0	£4,548	£982,309	£972,285
Christ Church (C of E) Infant Nursery School	Primary	166.0	£4,567	£758,193	£756,772
Christ Church (C of E) Junior School	Primary	232.0	£4,489	£1,041,541	£1,022,818
Claregate Primary School	Primary	397.0	£4,499	£1,786,268	£1,663,987
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	203.0	£5,009	£1,016,789	£943,033
Deyncourt Primary School	Primary	310.0	£4,398	£1,363,392	£1,348,113
Dovecotes Primary School	Primary	246.0	£5,440	£1,338,281	£1,401,352
Dunstall Hill Primary School	Primary	433.0	£5,216	£2,258,551	£2,061,830
East Park Academy	Primary	606.0	£4,754	£2,881,191	£2,739,177
Eastfield Primary School	Primary	401.0	£5,250	£2,105,218	£2,078,628
Edward the Elder Primary School	Primary	215.0	£5,022	£1,079,810	£1,056,769
Elston Hall Primary School	Primary	638.0	£4,406	£2,811,265	£2,687,962
Fallings Park Primary School	Primary	623.0	£5,021	£3,127,839	£2,959,792
Field View Primary School	Primary	396.0	£5,206	£2,061,473	£2,105,078
Goldthorn Park Primary School	Primary	387.0	£4,749	£1,838,041	£1,873,955
Graiseley Primary School	Primary	211.0	£5,519	£1,164,614	£1,127,587
Grove Primary Academy	Primary	387.0	£5,173	£2,002,048	£2,002,317
Hill Avenue Academy	Primary	303.0	£5,037	£1,526,203	£1,412,389
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	166.0	£5,620	£933,003	£934,466
Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School	Primary	227.0	£5,154	£1,170,017	£1,135,879
Lanesfield Primary School	Primary	308.0	£4,856	£1,495,597	£1,468,954
Long Knowle Primary School	Primary	203.0	£5,168	£1,049,037	£1,053,085
Loxdale Primary School	Primary	357.0	£4,959	£1,770,515	£1,572,150
Manor Primary School	Primary	594.0	£4,265	£2,533,410	£2,340,800
Merridale Primary School	Primary	208.0	£5,373	£1,117,488	£1,111,168
Nishkam Primary School Wolverhampton	Primary	372.0	£4,755	£1,768,739	£1,622,206
Northwood Park Primary School	Primary	585.0	£4,683	£2,739,786	£2,694,781
Oak Meadow Primary School	Primary	421.0	£4,466	£1,880,063	£1,819,344
Palmers Cross Primary School	Primary	217.0	£4,934	£1,070,597	£1,055,893
Parkfield Primary School	Primary	207.0	£5,259	£1,088,535	£1,079,806
Perry Hall Primary School	Primary	418.0	£4,376	£1,829,055	£1,759,372
Rakegate Primary School	Primary	403.0	£4,989	£2,010,621	£1,953,639
Spring Vale Primary School	Primary	299.0	£4,871	£1,456,369	£1,240,524
Springdale Primary School	Primary	434.0	£4,559	£1,978,689	£1,854,268
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	203.0	£5,357	£1,087,402	£992,121
SS Mary & John's Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	199.0	£5,267	£1,048,186	£1,036,554
St Alban's C of E Primary Academy	Primary	181.0	£5,227	£946,020	£876,278

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St Andrew's C of E Primary School	Primary	410.0	£5,219	£2,139,614	£2,090,915
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Primary	314.0	£4,540	£1,425,515	£1,365,723
St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School	Primary	340.0	£4,265	£1,450,100	£1,442,100
St Jude's C of E Primary Academy	Primary	424.0	£4,721	£2,001,610	£1,937,956
St Luke's C of E Aided Primary School	Primary	418.0	£4,863	£2,032,848	£2,010,093
St Martin's C of E Primary School	Primary	255.0	£5,065	£1,291,579	£1,257,521
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Primary	421.0	£4,932	£2,076,560	£2,020,021
St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	199.0	£4,639	£923,125	£889,520
St Michael's C of E Aided Primary School	Primary	211.0	£4,656	£982,350	£953,141
St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	209.0	£5,239	£1,094,880	£1,050,530
St Paul's C of E Aided Primary School	Primary	221.0	£4,904	£1,083,848	£1,047,475
St Stephen's C of E Primary School	Primary	208.0	£5,358	£1,114,432	£1,101,678
St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy	Primary	182.0	£5,339	£971,608	£999,800
St Thomas' C of E Primary Academy	Primary	211.0	£4,776	£1,007,756	£916,215
Stow Heath Primary School	Primary	413.0	£4,917	£2,030,630	£1,960,615
Stowlawn Primary School	Primary	290.0	£5,250	£1,522,563	£1,397,407
Trinity CofE Primary Academy	Primary	615.0	£4,905	£3,016,752	£2,773,982
Uplands Junior School	Primary	381.0	£4,347	£1,656,350	£1,615,351
Villiers Primary School	Primary	584.0	£4,586	£2,678,283	£2,575,345
Warstones Primary School	Primary	407.0	£4,595	£1,870,137	£1,817,122
West Park Primary School	Primary	276.0	£5,340	£1,473,894	£1,422,913
Westacre Infant School	Primary	270.0	£4,444	£1,199,812	£1,118,807
Whitgreave Primary School	Primary	419.0	£5,296	£2,218,877	£2,177,996
Wilkinson Primary School	Primary	422.0	£4,874	£2,056,635	£2,012,752
Woden Primary School	Primary	417.0	£5,216	£2,175,212	£2,159,086
Wodensfield Primary School	Primary	411.0	£4,782	£1,965,576	£1,908,385
Wood End Primary School	Primary	206.0	£5,003	£1,030,572	£1,013,759
Woodfield Primary School	Primary	553.0	£4,325	£2,391,945	£2,534,423
Woodthorne Primary School	Primary	398.0	£4,265	£1,697,470	£1,659,460

Aldersley High School	Secondary	978.0	£6,729	£6,581,004	£6,039,945
Colton Hills Community School	Secondary	871.0	£7,164	£6,239,937	£5,936,311
Coppice Performing Arts School	Secondary	906.0	£5,962	£5,401,994	£5,180,833
Heath Park	Secondary	1,003.0	£7,290	£7,312,021	£7,001,128
Highfields School	Secondary	1,334.0	£7,276	£9,706,436	£9,223,765
Moreton School	Secondary	777.0	£7,522	£5,844,795	£5,364,297
Moseley Park	Secondary	928.0	£6,596	£6,120,754	£5,896,982
Ormiston NEW Academy	Secondary	660.0	£6,989	£4,612,807	£4,341,605
Ormiston SWB Academy	Secondary	1,045.0	£7,367	£7,698,542	£7,557,085
Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy	Secondary	957.0	£6,611	£6,327,192	£5,619,588
St.Peter's Collegiate C of E School	Secondary	1,047.0	£5,828	£6,102,067	£5,587,057
Smestow School	Secondary	655.0	£6,585	£4,313,110	£4,521,096
St Edmunds Catholic Academy	Secondary	851.0	£6,248	£5,316,798	£5,183,154
St Matthias School	Secondary	859.0	£7,691	£6,606,595	£6,225,460
The Khalsa Academy Wolverhampton	Secondary	628.0	£6,383	£4,008,450	£3,932,239
The King's Church of England School	Secondary	548.0	£6,987	£3,829,134	£3,614,370
Thomas Telford University Technical College	Secondary	432.0	£7,467	£3,225,725	£2,023,680
Wednesfield High Academy	Secondary	785.0	£6,369	£4,999,660	£4,635,698

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Wolverhampton Girls' High School	Secondary	752.0	£5,525	£4,154,800	£3,915,045
The Royal School, Wolverhampton	All-through	1,205.0	£5,047	£6,081,258	£5,777,501