



**CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM**

**School Funding Reform: Consultation on the local funding formula for 2015-16**

**How to respond to this consultation**

The consultation document outlines the proposed application of the funding factors that are required & permitted within the local funding formula for 2015-16. Please answer each of the questions below in conjunction with the description of each proposal outlined in the consultation document. Any additional comments you wish to make should also be included.

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**The closing date for this consultation is 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – your response must reach us by that date.**

The responses to the consultation will be collated and reported to the Schools Forum on 23 October 2014 for their consideration. The proposed local funding formula for 2015-16 as agreed by the Forum will then be submitted to the Education Funding Agency on 31 October 2014 and a final decision will be taken by the County Council's Policy Committee in November.

**Thank you for responding to this consultation.**

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### School Funding 2015-16: Consultation with Schools on the local funding formula

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>School / Academy Name</b>	

### Primary to Secondary Funding Ratio (paragraphs 26 to 29)

#### Question 1

*Do you agree that the primary to secondary ratio should be maintained at 1:1.265 for the 2015-16 financial year?*

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

### Basic Entitlement – Age Weighted Pupil Unit (paragraphs 30 & 31)

#### Question 2

*Do you agree that the 2014-15 AWPU rates should be proportionally adjusted in order to maintain the overall primary to secondary funding ratio of 1: 1.265 for 2015-16?*

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

### Deprivation and the treatment of the Pupil Premium (paragraphs 28 to 31)

#### Question 3

*Do you agree that the same percentage of total funding, deprivation indicators and weightings should be used to allocate deprivation funding in 2015-16?*

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

### Low Cost, High Incidence SEN (paragraphs 32 to 37)

**Question 4**

***Do you agree with retaining the Prior Attainment factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 5**

***If the factor continues to be included, do you agree to retaining the current proportion of funding, & method for distributing that funding?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Looked after Children (paragraphs 38 to 40)**

**Question 6**

***Do you agree with retaining the Looked After Children factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 7**

***If the factor continues to be included, do you agree that a fixed unit value of £3,000 should continue to be used to allocate this funding in 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**English as an Additional Language (paragraphs 41 to 42)**

**Question 8**

***Do you agree with retaining the EAL factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 9**

***If the factor is retained, do you agree that the same percentage of total funding should be allocated through the EAL factor with a single unit value in 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Pupil Mobility (paragraphs 43 to 44)**

**Question 10**

***Do you agree with retaining the Pupil Mobility factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 11**

***Do you agree that the same percentage of total funding should be allocated through the Pupil Mobility factor in 2015-16, with a single unit value?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Sparsity (paragraphs 45 to 57)**

**Question 12**

***Do you agree with the proposal not to adopt a Sparsity factor for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Lump Sum (paragraphs 48 to 51)**

**Question 13**

***Do you agree with retaining the lump sum factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 14**

***Do you agree with the proposal to keep the lump sum value at £100,000 in 2015-16 for the***

***a) Primary phase?***

***b) Secondary phase***

<b>a) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
<b>b) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 15**

***Do you agree that Nottinghamshire should not apply for an exceptional factor in order to pay a further allowance to amalgamating schools in the second year after amalgamation?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Split Sites (paragraph 52)**

**Question 16**

***Do you agree with retaining the Split Site factor in the Nottinghamshire formula for 2015-16?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 17**

***Do you agree to continue with the current methodology and funding for split site schools?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Rates (paragraph 53)**

**Question 18**

***Do you agree to continue with the current arrangement to pay rates centrally?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Exceptional factors (paragraphs 54 to 55)**

**Question 19**

***Do you agree to continue with the exceptional factors for joint use and rental?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Growth Fund (paragraphs 56 to 57)**

**Question 20**

**Do you agree that the growth fund should continue?**

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Question 21**

**Do you agree that the growth fund should be increased to £1m, to provide for anticipated demand?**

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**De-delegation (paragraphs 58 to 59)**

**Question 22**

**As a representative of either a maintained primary or secondary school, do you agree to the de-delegation of the following in 2015-16:**

- a) ***Contingencies for pre-agreed amalgamation transitional support?***
- b) ***Free school meals eligibility assessment?***
- c) ***Staff costs / supply cover (trade union facility time)?***
- d) ***Support to underperforming ethnic minority groups and bilingual learners?***
- e) ***Contingency for crisis communications?***

<b>a) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
<b>b) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
<b>c) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
<b>d) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
<b>e) Yes</b>	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Gains Cap and Minimum Funding Guarantee (paragraphs 60 to 64)**

**Question 23**

***Do you agree with the proposal to apply a further gains cap of 2.5% per pupil in 2015-16 in order to achieve the cumulative gains cap of 10% per pupil proposed in the 2013-14 consultation?***

Yes	No	Not Sure
Comments:		

**Additional comments**

***Please add any additional comments you have regarding the consultation below:***

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**Thank you for responding to this consultation.**