

Funding information and factsheet – February 2018

Context:

Schools and academies in Devon have been severely financially disadvantaged for at least a decade. Over the past three years additional rising costs have seen matters reach a critical point. On average, large secondary schools have been making savings of approximately £250k year on year. Primary and special school budgets have been under equal pressure.

What does the National Funding Formula do for low funded schools and counties?

“In conclusion, the new national funding formulae will redress historic inequities in funding that have existed for too long” - Justine Greening MP – former Secretary of State for Education – New National Funding Formula announcement, September 2017.

“This means that for the first time everyone can see what the national funding formula will mean for them and understand why. Alongside addressing these historical injustices...” – Nick Gibb MP – Minister for Schools, October 2017.

The new National Funding Formula **does not** solve the two problems that it was designed to tackle – **real terms funding decline** and **funding inequalities** across schools and counties.

The new National Funding Formula has injected some additional cash in to schools. Much of this will be offset by rising costs. **In real terms school budgets will either have a small uplift or will remain static in 2018 and beyond.** Worked examples for individual schools can be provided in order to demonstrate this point.

Schools and pupils are judged by identical performance data including KS2 and GCSE outcomes and also OFSTED. Funding for schools with similar socio-economic characteristics will still be hamstrung by significant inequities under new National Funding Formula proposals.

Please note these statistics are all based on the Department for Education's own database for the financial year 2018-19. The figures relate to year groups 7-11 and **do not include additional funding such as Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)**. PPG is worth £1320 per eligible pupil in primary schools and £935 per eligible pupil in secondary schools.

NB a secondary school with 250 pupils eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years would receive an additional £233,750 through PPG.

A large secondary school with 25% of pupils (400) eligible for Pupil Premium would receive an additional £374,000 each year.

It should be noted that London schools must pay a higher London weighted salary but this has been removed from the calculations.

How does the new funding formula impact upon schools and academies in Devon?

Average per pupil unit funding	Primary (PUF)	Secondary (SUF)
Average per pupil funding Devon	£3,880	£4,884
Average per pupil funding Greenwich	£4,898	£6,451
Average per pupil funding Hackney	£5,887	£7,840

Please note that the same proportionate funding differentials apply in the primary school sector.

Special schools in Devon also receive lower average funding than equivalent schools in other local authorities. Furthermore, unlike mainstream schools there is no planned funding uplift, even 0.5% per pupil, planned in 2018/19 owing to the funding pressures affecting High Needs