

DfE guidance on Notional SEN**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES: CONSTRUCTING THE NOTIONAL SEN BUDGET FOR A MAINSTREAM SCHOOL OR ACADEMY****Introduction**

As at present, under the new place-plus approach to high needs funding, mainstream schools and Academies will continue to receive a clearly-identified budget for SEN. This will be their notional SEN budget.

Using their notional SEN budget, mainstream schools and Academies will be expected to:

- a. meet the needs of pupils with low-cost, high-incidence SEN; and
- b. contribute, up to a certain level set by the local authority, towards, the costs of provision for pupils with high needs (including those with high-cost, low-incidence SEN).¹

In relation to the latter, under the new funding arrangements, top-up funding will be provided above this threshold on a per-pupil basis by the commissioning local authority. This is similar to the current arrangements whereby local authorities pay individually-assigned resources (IARs) to mainstream schools and Academies when placing high needs pupils in those settings.

Under the new place-plus approach, local authorities will need to decide on the level up to which mainstream schools and Academies will be expected to contribute to the costs of provision for pupils with high needs. Our strong recommendation is that the level of this contribution is set at £6,000 per pupil. This means that a mainstream school or Academy would be expected to contribute the first £6,000 of the additional support costs of a high needs pupil. This would be over and above the standard offer of teaching and learning provided for all pupils at the school or Academy, which would normally be funded through the school's or Academy's basic per-pupil entitlement.

As we have indicated in the FAQ document, we think that most local authorities will want to use a combination of funding from the age-weighted pupil unit (AWPU), the deprivation factor, and the low-cost, high-incidence SEN (prior attainment) factor to calculate the notional SEN budget. As a reminder, the notional SEN budget is not a separate budget. It is, however, identified within a school's delegated budget, and consists of part or the whole of various formula factors as set out above. For example, we would expect it to include only a small part of the basic per-pupil entitlement funding and of deprivation funding, but probably the whole of a low-cost, high-incidence SEN (prior attainment) attainment factor.

Illustrative examples

The examples below are for a primary school of 300 pupils and a secondary school of 1000 pupils. Both schools have average percentages of Free School Meals pupils and of pupils who meet the thresholds for the low-cost, high-incidence SEN (prior attainment) factor.

The average current notional SEN budget shown on section 251 budget statements is about £350 per pupil. We believe that the average local authority's threshold for providing IARs, over and above delegated SEN funding, is already around the £6,000 that we are recommending to be used from FY2013-14. As such, we have illustrated below a notional SEN budget of about £350 per pupil for an average school. Local authorities will need to decide locally, in the light of local circumstances and discussions with schools and Academies, how big the notional SEN budget needs to be and what the balance should be within it between basic per-pupil entitlement funding, deprivation funding, and low-cost, high-incidence (prior attainment) SEN funding.

¹ In the March document (see paragraph 3.1.7-3.1.8), we defined high needs pupils and students as those requiring provision costing more than around £10,000 per year. We deliberately chose a financial threshold, as opposed to an assessment-based threshold – such as having a statement of SEN – since linking statutory assessments to additional funding could create perverse incentives.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH 300 PUPILS

FACTOR	PUPIL NUMBERS	UNIT VALUE	OF WHICH NOTIONAL SEN	TOTAL
PER-PUPIL ENTITLEMENT (AWPU)	300	£2500	£100	£30,000
FSM (17%)	51	£500	£235	£11,985
LOW-COST, HIGH-INCIDENCE SEN (PRIOR ATTAINMENT) (21%)	63	£1000	£1,000	£63,000
Total notional SEN budget				£104,985

SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH 1000 PUPILS

FACTOR	PUPIL NUMBERS	UNIT VALUE	OF WHICH NOTIONAL SEN	TOTAL
PER-PUPIL ENTITLEMENT (AWPU)	1000	£4000	£150	£150,000
FSM (16%)	160	£500	£300	£48,000
LOW-COST, HIGH-INCIDENCE SEN (PRIOR ATTAINMENT) (11%)	110	£1000	£1500	£165,000
Total notional SEN budget				£363,000

Bromley Notional SEN Calculations

PRIMARY				
Factor	Pupil Numbers	Unit Value	Of Which Notional SEN	Total
Per Pupil Entitlement (AWPU)	300	£2,185	£90	£27,000
Free School Meals	51	£1,500	£750	£38,250
Low Cost/ High Incidence SEN	63	£2,500	£2,500	£157,500
Total Notional SEN Budget				£222,750

SECONDARY				
Factor	Pupil Numbers	Unit Value	Of Which Notional SEN	Total
Per Pupil Entitlement (AWPU)	1000	£4,095	£170	£170,000
Free School Meals	160	£1,500	£750	£120,000
Low Cost/ High Incidence SEN	110	£2,500	£2,500	£275,000
Total Notional SEN Budget				£565,000

Bromley 'Notional' SEN

Notional SEN

	<u>Pupil Nos</u>	<u>AWPU</u>	<u>Attaint</u>		<u>Dep'n</u>	<u>Notional</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Notional</u>
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>£90</u>	<u>Nos</u>	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>Nos</u>	<u>£750</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>SEN %</u>
	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>£170</u>					<u>Share</u>	
						<u>Notional</u>		
						<u>SEN</u>		
						<u>Total</u>		
Alexandra Junior School	232	£20,880	52	£130,000	66	£49,712	£200,592	21.12%
Alexandra Infant School	177	£15,930	30	£74,940	24	£18,160	£109,030	15.27%
Bromley Road Infant School	239	£21,510	41	£103,165	82	£61,787	£1,007,149	18.51%
Churchfields Primary School	278	£25,020	51	£126,364	67	£50,436	£1,075,347	18.77%
Hawes Down Junior School	244	£21,960	27	£67,778	20	£15,317	£830,322	12.65%
Hawes Down Infant School	209	£18,810	36	£90,512	7	£4,922	£759,319	15.05%
Marian Vian Primary School	617	£55,530	63	£158,205	89	£66,867	£1,892,129	14.83%
OAK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	647	£58,230	52	£130,662	58	£43,381	£232,273	12.25%
Wickham Common Primary School	424	£38,160	11	£26,281	55	£40,958	£1,265,880	8.33%
Worsley Bridge Junior School	162	£14,580	36	£91,011	75	£56,133	£774,118	20.89%
Burnt Ash Primary School	404	£36,360	139	£347,842	166	£124,503	£1,723,824	29.51%
Princes Plain Primary School	417	£37,530	212	£530,011	185	£138,736	£1,985,659	35.57%
Southborough Primary School	436	£39,240	121	£302,048	111	£83,320	£1,654,510	25.66%
Mead Road Infant School	88	£7,920	12	£30,345	17	£12,692	£442,996	11.50%
Red Hill Primary School	664	£59,760	99	£246,942	288	£216,331	£2,380,857	21.97%
Mottingham Primary School	307	£27,630	79	£197,620	173	£130,068	£1,405,722	25.28%
Castlecombe Primary School	207	£18,630	47	£117,000	99	£74,178	£946,703	22.16%
Dorset Road Infant School	75	£6,750	3	£8,152	17	£12,594	£387,460	7.10%
Chelsfield Primary School	99	£8,910	9	£21,336	21	£15,971	£456,205	10.13%
Darrick Wood Junior School	374	£33,660	53	£131,320	56	£41,879	£1,250,187	16.55%
Downe Primary School	90	£8,100	9	£22,500	8	£6,217	£418,016	8.81%
Farnborough Primary School	219	£19,710	24	£59,312	29	£22,059	£794,351	12.73%
Pratts Bottom Primary School	69	£6,210	8	£20,536	10	£7,726	£372,043	9.27%
St. Mary Cray Primary School	183	£16,470	47	£118,065	105	£78,823	£893,417	23.88%
The Highway Primary School	212	£19,080	33	£82,541	32	£23,691	£815,334	15.37%
Malcolm Primary School	270	£24,300	79	£197,080	149	£111,416	£1,275,672	26.09%
Royston Primary School	401	£36,090	119	£297,201	221	£165,443	£1,791,327	27.84%
James Dixon Primary School	334	£30,060	86	£213,892	161	£120,816	£1,477,434	24.69%
Gray's Farm Primary School	398	£35,820	164	£409,447	157	£117,758	£1,749,846	32.18%
Leesons Primary School	207	£18,630	57	£142,313	100	£74,675	£951,604	24.76%
Midfield Primary School	218	£19,620	75	£187,931	106	£79,723	£1,038,596	27.66%
Edgebury Primary School	226	£20,340	22	£53,810	27	£20,425	£792,279	11.94%
Scotts Park Primary School	438	£39,420	53	£131,400	67	£50,293	£1,437,167	15.39%
Oaklands Primary School	443	£39,870	91	£226,947	92	£68,709	£1,538,261	21.81%
Clare House Primary School	244	£21,960	14	£35,583	18	£13,688	£817,189	8.72%
Perry Hall Primary School	423	£38,070	52	£128,855	71	£53,235	£1,398,825	15.74%
Poverest Primary School	191	£17,190	43	£108,523	87	£64,921	£867,228	21.98%
Bickley Primary	361	£32,490	59	£146,560	34	£25,126	£1,220,767	16.73%
Manor Oak Primary School	181	£16,290	57	£143,366	100	£75,083	£903,521	25.98%
Keston C.E. Primary School	246	£22,140	21	£53,017	26	£19,336	£832,390	11.35%
Parish C.E. Primary School	491	£44,190	35	£86,701	85	£63,486	£1,533,510	12.68%
St George's CE Primary	298	£26,820	64	£158,933	57	£42,867	£1,134,490	20.15%
Unicorn Primary School	313	£28,170	22	£55,587	15	£11,620	£989,629	9.64%
Cudham CE Primary School	93	£8,370	14	£36,078	9	£6,724	£438,177	11.68%
St Paul's Cray CE Primary	193	£17,370	76	£190,344	108	£81,002	£985,249	29.30%
St Mark's C.E. Primary School	426	£38,340	82	£205,526	31	£23,515	£1,410,873	18.95%
Chislehurst (CofE) Primary	216	£19,440	15	£36,303	4	£2,997	£697,800	8.42%
St John's CE Primary School	302	£27,180	40	£99,461	62	£46,636	£1,047,556	16.54%
St Joseph's R.C.Primary School	210	£18,900	7	£18,103	14	£10,553	£694,147	6.85%
St Vincent's Catholic Primary	223	£20,070	46	£114,242	36	£26,877	£860,978	18.72%

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	<u>Primary</u>	<u>£90</u>	<u>Nos</u>	<u>£2,500</u>	<u>Nos</u>	<u>£750</u>	<u>SEN</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>SEN %</u>
	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>£170</u>					<u>Total</u>	<u>Share</u>	
St Philomena's Catholic Primary	209	£18,810	12	£30,996	39	£29,250	£79,055	£752,295	10.51%
St.Anthony's R.C Primary	181	£16,290	66	£166,055	76	£57,042	£239,387	£906,175	26.42%
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary	209	£18,810	39	£97,415	60	£44,987	£161,213	£850,049	18.97%
Blenheim Primary School	191	£17,190	35	£87,196	105	£78,873	£183,259	£883,400	20.74%
Holy Innocents Catholic Primar	216	£19,440	30	£73,846	21	£15,827	£109,114	£769,850	14.17%
St Mary's Catholic Primary	433	£38,970	14	£35,492	12	£8,996	£83,457	£1,201,809	6.94%
Highfield Infants' School	266	£23,940	9	£22,291	6	£4,429	£50,659	£833,690	6.08%
Highfield Junior School	382	£34,380	17	£42,444	21	£15,672	£92,496	£1,094,180	8.45%
Raglan Primary School	418	£37,620	59	£148,042	40	£29,626	£215,287	£1,322,274	16.28%
Hillside Primary School	336	£30,240	83	£206,897	202	£151,351	£388,488	£1,444,199	26.90%
Balgowan Primary School	648	£58,320	27	£67,877	50	£37,276	£163,473	£1,768,595	9.24%
The Pioneer Academy	364	£32,760	47	£116,256	120	£89,735	£238,751	£1,299,937	18.37%
Pickhurst Infants' School	361	£32,490	20	£49,090	35	£26,263	£107,843	£1,092,577	9.87%
Pickhurst Junior School	504	£45,360	65	£161,928	74	£55,642	£262,929	£1,569,262	16.75%
Valley Primary School	478	£43,020	78	£195,292	116	£87,259	£325,571	£1,674,975	19.44%
Crofton Infant School	535	£48,150	28	£70,395	59	£44,418	£162,963	£1,568,117	10.39%
Darrick Wood Infant School	275	£24,750	37	£91,667	26	£19,284	£135,701	£941,255	14.42%
Green Street Green Primary	416	£37,440	56	£140,656	38	£28,548	£206,644	£1,306,808	15.81%
Warren Road Primary School	844	£75,960	67	£168,445	60	£45,133	£289,538	£2,335,104	12.40%
St James RC Primary School	216	£19,440	16	£39,836	8	£6,107	£65,383	£717,066	9.12%
Biggin Hill Primary	405	£36,450	47	£118,581	66	£49,420	£204,451	£1,291,355	15.83%
CROFTON JUNIOR SCHOOL	704	£63,360	22	£55,954	90	£67,320	£186,634	£1,934,650	9.65%
Hayes Primary School	647	£58,230	40	£99,399	140	£104,717	£262,346	£1,946,399	13.48%
Tubbenden Primary School	587	£52,830	98	£245,276	57	£42,440	£340,546	£1,814,057	18.77%
ST OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	594	£100,980	0	£0	12	£8,999	£109,979	£2,696,318	4.08%
Harris Academy Beckenham	645	£109,650	95	£236,387	312	£233,700	£579,737	£3,577,588	16.20%
Harris Academy Bromley	840	£142,800	102	£253,785	379	£284,445	£681,030	£4,492,502	15.16%
Bishop Justus	898	£152,660	67	£166,495	207	£155,444	£474,599	£4,387,347	10.82%
Bullers Wood School	1087	£184,790	54	£136,014	189	£141,772	£462,576	£5,101,226	9.07%
Coopers Technology College	1102	£187,340	99	£248,425	368	£275,968	£711,733	£5,547,885	12.83%
Langley Park School for Boys	1058	£179,860	49	£123,625	64	£48,007	£351,492	£4,762,459	7.38%
Ravens Wood School	1115	£189,550	51	£127,460	126	£94,747	£411,757	£5,109,765	8.06%
NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL	676	£114,920	0	£0	18	£13,537	£128,457	£3,039,699	4.23%
Kemnal Technology College	888	£150,960	108	£269,349	251	£188,611	£608,920	£4,521,488	13.47%
Hayes School	1201	£204,170	81	£203,421	121	£90,525	£498,117	£5,536,780	9.00%
Beaverwood School for Girls	1103	£187,510	61	£151,480	286	£214,340	£553,331	£5,321,101	10.40%
CHARLES DARWIN	1053	£179,010	112	£279,288	248	£185,828	£644,127	£5,190,337	12.41%
Langley Park School for Girls	1189	£202,130	38	£94,320	78	£58,856	£355,305	£5,310,635	6.69%
The Ravensbourne School	1115	£189,550	104	£259,112	382	£286,667	£735,329	£5,639,801	13.04%
Darrick Wood School	1308	£222,360	75	£187,899	152	£113,796	£524,055	£6,011,918	8.72%
The Priory School	975	£165,750	163	£406,250	378	£283,652	£855,652	£5,206,413	16.43%