

High Needs Funding Formula Stage 2 Consultation response

1. In designing our national funding formula, we have taken careful steps to balance the principles of fairness and stability. Do you think we have struck the right balance?
2. We are proposing a formula comprising a number of formula factors with different values and weightings. Do you agree with the following proposals?
 - Historic spend factor – to allocate to each local authority a sum equal to 50% of its planned spending baseline
 - Basic entitlement – to allocate to each local authority £4,000 per pupil
3. We propose to use the following weightings for each of the formula factors listed below, adding up to 100%. Do you agree?
 - Population – 50%
 - Free school meals eligibility – 10%
 - IDACI – 10%
 - Key Stage 2 low attainment – 7.5%
 - Key stage 4 low attainment – 7.5%
 - Children in bad health – 7.5%
 - Disability living allowance – 7.5%
4. Do you agree with the principle of protecting local authorities from reductions in funding as a result of this formula? This is referred to as a funding floor.
5. Do you support our proposal to set the funding floor such that no local authority will see a reduction in funding, compared to their spending baseline?