

### 8 Responses in favour of NFF with Option 1 as the first choice and Option 2 as the second choice

- This school has been severely underfunded for a number of years and it is impossible to provide the level of results and breadth of curriculum at current levels. As staffing costs in this area are high this should be reflected in the level of funding received otherwise it will become impossible to recruit staff to many of the most critical subjects. As a school that has also suffered from the lagging of the increased intake from 4 years ago this has left the school with increased costs and restricted funding, when combined with the heavy reductions in sixth form funding and increasing costs related to supporting students with diverse needs leaves the school in a difficult financial position.
- As quickly as possible, we need to address the historic underfunding in Bromley of secondary schools compared to primary schools. Only the NFF options do this and our preference is to move to the NFF as quickly as possible where it would appear from the modelling that our funding needs will be better met (Option 1).
- Coopers School would support the LA using the NFF to allocate funding to schools for 2018/19
- We would not be happy for the Bromley Funding Formula to be implemented as it proposes an inadequate amount of funding for schools, particularly Secondary schools such as ours for yet another year. This is contrary to the principles of the NFF, which was devised to address long standing unfairness. The BFF proposal removes money from the Schools Block – which has already seen a significant reduction to fund growth. Further removal of funds from the schools block to fund high needs or other areas will make it more or less impossible for school such as ours to continue to offer a good quality of education. The proposed reduction in the schools block as suggested by the BFF is much too significant in the current difficult financial context and therefore not supportable. Schools are not in position to provide a good education given the paucity of current funding, this proposal will just compound the existing financial problems.

There is a need to ensure that the NFF is implemented as far as is possible so that some fairness can be restored, something that has been lacking in Bromley in recent years. The issue of High needs funding needs an injection of investment from the council reserves; then to be recovered over a period of time via the savings made.

- With a large number of Pupil Premium students, from very challenging circumstances Harris Academy Orpington requires funding that its students deserves. As a secondary provider we are also currently under funded and this needs to be rectified as soon as possible. Standards and outcome will drop, if the correct funding is not provided. The National Funding formula needs to be introduced as soon as possible.
- I feel that it is important to move towards the NFF as soon as possible, For schools like us which are significantly underfunded in comparison to the NFF it is essential that we move to a level playing field with other schools.
- The NFF should be used as soon as possible. The re-balancing of secondary funding to be at the national rate should start as soon as possible. The increased funding in recognition of different schools need to be maximised.
- The cumulative impact of the relative underfunding in Bromley of secondary schools in comparison to primaries when compared to national averages is something which needs to be addressed. The “point” about staying with the Bromley formula being less turbulent for schools is disingenuous for those (secondary) schools which have been relatively underfunded as a result of the Bromley formula in recent years. Moreover the fact that when the NFF is modelled Bromley is one of very few London Boroughs where schools benefit only reinforces just how harsh the Bromley formula has been.